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COMMON COUNCIL.

Board of 1855 and 1856.

Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter, the Common Council met at the Common Council Chamber, on Monday, May 7th, 1855, at half-past eight o'clock, P.M.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Aldermen Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin Green, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Lyon, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrell and Wilson.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Davenport was appointed President pro tempore.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, the Board proceeded to the election of its President.

Ald. Green and Wilson were appointed and acted as tellers.

A balloting was had with the following result:

John H. Lyon, received ten votes.

Joseph G. Edge, received, two votes.

James R. Thompson, received one vote

Samuel R. Tyrell, received one vote.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon, John H. Lyon, was declared elected President of the Common Council for the coming municipal year.

Ald. Tyrrell and Edge were appointed a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The committee performed the duty assigned to them, and the President returned his thanks to the Board for the honor conferred on him.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, the Board proceeded to the appointment of City Clerk.

Ald. Thompson and Lyman were appointed and acted as tellers.

A balloting was had with the following result:

George W. Cassedy received fifteen votes, being the whole number cast.

Whereupon George W. Cassedy was declared appointed City Clerk for the coming year.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, the Board proceeded to the appointment of City Marshal.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Nathaniel Ellis was *viva voce* unanimously appointed City Marshal for the coming year.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was—

Resolved, That the rules of order of the last common Council be adopted for the government of the present Board.

On motion of Ald. Thompson the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting, May 15, 1855.

Present.—The President, Aldermen Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Green, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb.

The minutes of the last meeting of the late Board, and of the first meeting of the present Common Council were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of T. R. Randolph and others, to have sidewalk laid in front of vacant lots, Nos. 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 29, and 31 Essex street, the lots fenced &c. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of H. W. Traphagan and others for the improvement of Prospect st. between Newark avenue and Prospect street. Referred to committee on street.

Communication of G. H. Bearse, in relation to Fourth ward school house, enclosing a claim for materials furnished for same, amounting to $431 72.

Referred to joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings.

Petition of Albert Munson and John Headde to have a wooden drain made from the easterly side of Jersey avenue to and through an alley way running through the blocks bounded by South 3d South 4th, Erie and Monmouth streets &c.

Referred to committee on sewers, the third Tuesday in June next, appointed as the time for receiving objections to said improvement, and the notice of application ordered to be published by the City Clerk.

Notice from Jacob R Wortendyke, Esq., Notary public of protest of warrant drawn by the city in favor of Thomas B. Kissiam for services as Captain of the watch for March, 1855, amounting to forty dollars. Referred to committee on laws and ordinances.

Notice from Hutton & Lacy, of claim under the lien law against the fourth ward public school house. Referred to committee on laws and ordinances

Summons in case under lien law, against William Connolly and the city, at the suit of William C. Hutton and Thomas T. Lacy, for claim against the fourth ward public school house. Referred to committee on laws and ordinances.

Official bond of John B. Davis, as constable, signed by L. A. French and John Van Vorst, as sureties. Approved and ordered and filed.

Official bond of Henry M. Traphagen, as water commissioner, signed by Cornelius VanVorst and E. W. Kingsland, as sureties.

Approved and ordered filed.

Petitions for the granting of tavern licenses to William Armstrong, Moses H. & Cotton W. Bean, William Moore, Patrick Corrigan, John J. Wanner, William H. Fazee and Mrs. Potter Browning.

Laid upon the table.

Petition of Stephen W. Treadwell, to be appointed Chief Police, or for any appointment the Common Council may think proper to give him.

Laid upon the table.

Petition of Isaac Van Saun, to be appointed weigher and measurer, and superintendent of ferries and wharves.

Laid upon the table.

Petition of John L. Burst and others, for the appointment of Peter Dolan as pound keeper of the 2d and 3d wards

Laid upon the table.

Petition of Wm. Allen, for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Laid upon the table

Petition of John Headden, Bernard Hughes, and D. B. V. Van Doren, respecting the public school house in the fourth ward.

Laid upon the table

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Bacot and Wood, $400; C. A. Tanner, $13,460 26; Woolsey & Woolsey, 38 cts.; and Smith Mead, $193 66.

Referred to committee on streets.

Of Woolsey & Woolsey, $25 96; R. B. Kashow, $1 50; J. Jelly, $6; and W. J. Holmes, $67 50.

Referred to committee on fire and water.

Of A. P. Wakeman, $20; W. Whitley, $125; F. Kissam, $8; and E. M. Dickenson, $6. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of J. Crummey, $5 15; A. Brower, $24 07; and J. R. Halladay, $13 65. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of S. W. Treadwell, $6. Referred to committee on public grounds and buildings.

A communication was presented from his honor Mayor Manners, dated May 5th, inst., announcing the suspension of Wm. Powers, a city watchman, for neglect of duty, on charges preferred by the Captain of the watch

Referred to committee on watch.

A return of the result of the recent election of chief and Assistant engineers in the fire department, made by the board of canvassers, was presented, received and ordered filed. And on motion of Ald. Edge, it was

Resolved, That the election of Samuel A. French as Chief Engineer by the Fire Department be approved and confirmed; and that the following named persons nominated by the Fire Department as Assistant Engineers be appointed as such—viz: James R. Gautier from the First ward; James

Wallace from the Second ward; William Chilvers from the Third ward; and William Roosevelt from the Fourth ward.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the following elections, resignations, expulsions and deaths in that Department, viz:

ELECTIONS of Henry C. Hutton and Charles Timpson by Engine Co. No. 1; of John Rooney and Robert T. Lambert, by Engine Co. No. 4; of Richard C. Sherman, James W. Hull, Henry C. Dickinson, and Menzies R. Case by Hose Co. No. 1; of Francis Post by Hose Co. No. 3; of Edgar Morris by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; and of Charles M. Cook, Abraham A. Sperling, James Remer, Charles Frazer, and Phineas Bates by Hook and Co. No. 2.

RESIGNATIONS of James Lander, John Rooney, and W. T. Ashton from Hose Co. No. 1; of Louis Thielemann, John C. Flowers, and William Robertson from Hose Co. No. 3; and of Geo. W. Dempsey and James Hart from Engine Co. No. 4.

EXPULSION of Frederick Scott by Hose Co. No. 1; and of Daniel Dugan and William Parker by Engine Co. No. 4.

Decease of James Walsh, late a member of Hose Co. No. 1

Communications received and ordered filed, the elections approved, names ordered to be enrolled and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, and the proper entries of the death, resignations and expulsions ordered to be made in the roll book of the fire department.

The President announced the following as the standing committees of the board:

Finance—Ald. Lyman, Green and Thompson.
Laws and ordinances—Ald. Tyrrell, Keeney, Davenport.
Schools—Ald. Greene, Insley and Lyman
Fire and Water—Ald Edge, Cobb and Greene.
Streets.—Ald. Hill. Keeney and Lyman.
Alms—Ald. Cobb, Hoffman and Insley.
Police and licenses—Insley. Hill and Davenport.
Assessments—Ald. Davenport, Cobb and Erwin.
Public grounds and buildings—Ald Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Thompson.
Lamps—Ald. Thompson. Wilson and Erwin.
Watch—Ald. Keeney, Hoffman and Hill.
Ferries and Wharves—Ald. Hoffman, Edge and Tyrrell.
Sewers—Ald. Wilson and Rappleyea.
Public health—Ald Erwin and Wilson.
Salaries, offices and elections—Rappleyea and Edge.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was resolved. That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Engine Co. No. 3. for seventy-five dollars, for amount of appropriation made on the 17th April last, for the purchase of a hose carriage for said company

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter when returns of elections, resignations, expulsions, or deaths in the fire department, shall be made to the common council by the chief engineer of that department, and such returns shall have been received, and the elections approved, it shall be the duty of the city clerk, without further action of the common council, to enrol the names of the persons elected to membership and issue the usual certificates, and to make in the roll book of the fire department, the proper entries of the resignations, expulsions, and deaths is said department.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hour of meeting of the common council, for the present, be 8 o'clock.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution,

Resolved. That the amount to be paid in the city for license to keep an Inn and tavern during the current corporation year is hereby fixed at the sum of $100.

Ald. Insley moved to amend the resolution by inserting $500, in the place of $100, as the amount of the license fee.

The Amendment was declared rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Greene and Insley.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley Keeney and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb.

Ald. Thompson's resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Greene, Hill, and Insley:

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—The President and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman and Tyrrell

Absent—Ald Cobb.

On motion of Ald. Hill the board proceeded to the appointment of city officers, pending the discussion of which motion a motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Erwin, and lost.

Ald. Lyman and Thompson were appointed and acted as tellers.

For Street Commissioner, a balloting was had with the following result:

Robert S. Gillman received eleven votes,
Stephen W. Treadwell received one vote.
Two blanks were cast.

Whereupon Robert S. Gillman was declared appointed Street Commissioner.

For Corporation Attorney a balloting was had with the following result:

Richard D. McClelland received eleven votes.
Three blanks were cast.

Whereupon Richard D. McClelland was declared appointed Corporation Attorney.

For Collector of Assessment, a balloting was had with the following result:

Jacob Z. Marinus received ten votes
Jesse Platt received three votes.
James Gopsill received one vote.

Whereupon Jacob Z. Marinus was declared appointed Collector of Assessment.

For Collector of Arrears of Taxes, a balloting was had with the following result:

Earl B. Sippell received twelve votes.
Jesse Platt received two votes.

Whereupon Earl B. Sippell was declared appointed Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

For Comptroller two ballottings were had with the following result:

First balloting—J. V. Hardenbergh received eight votes.
David Henderson received two votes.
David Smith received one vote.
Luke C. Lyman received two votes.
Isaac S. Miller received one vote.

Second balloting.
J. V. Hardenbergh received ten votes.
David Henderson received two votes.
Luke C. Lyman received one vote.
One blank was cast.

Whereupon J. V. Hardenbergh was declared appointed Comptroller

For City Treasurer, a balloting was had with the following result

Albert T. Smith received thirteen votes.
Richard R. Rappleyea received one vote.

Whereupon Albert T. Smith was declared appointed City Treasurer,

For Chief of Police three ballotings were had with the following result:

Charles J. Farley received seven votes-
Stephen W. Treadwell received two votes.
Charles H. Farley received one vote-
Walter Lamb received two votes.
Nathaniel Ellis received one vote.
One blank was cast.

Second balloting
Charles J. Farley received eight votes,
Stephen W. Treadwell received two votes.
Walter Lamb received two votes.
Peter N Horsly received one vote.
One blank was cast.

Third ballotting,
Charles J. Farley received nine votes.
Walter Lamb received two votes.
Stephen W. Treadwell received two votes.
One blank was cast.

Whereupon Charles J. Farley was declared appointed Chief of Police.

For Captain of the Watch, a ballotting was had with the following result:

Thomas B. Kissam received nine votes.

Peter N Horsley received three votes.
Two blanks were cast.
Whereupon Thomas B. Kissam was declared appointed Captain of the Watch.
For Assistant Captain of the Watch, a ballotting was had with the following result :
Charles A. Tanner received nine votes.
A. Post received two votes.
Charles N. Tanner received one vote.
John Ayres received one vote.
One blank was received.
Whereupon Charles A. Tanner was declared appointed Assistan Captain of the Watch.
For City Physician for the First and Second Wards, a ballotting was had with the following result :
William A. Durrie received nine votes.
Edward O. Dummer received three votes.
J. H. Vondy received one vote.
One blank was cast.
Whereupon William A. Durrie was declared appointed city physician for the First and Second wards.
For city physician for the Third and Fourth wards, a balloting was had with the following result.
D. L Reeve received nine votes.
J. H. Vondy received five votes.
Whereupon D. L. Reeve was declared appointed city physician for the Third and Fourth wards.
For Weigher and Measurer a balloting was had with the following result :
William Sanderson received ten votes.
Isaac Van Saun received two votes.
Jesse Platt received one vote.
One blank was cast.
Whereupon William Sanderson was declared appointed Weigher and Measurer.
For Superintendent of Ferries, Wharves and Piers, a balloting was had with the following result :
William Sanderson, received eleven votes.
Isaac Van Saun, received one vote.
Two blanks were cast.
Whereupon, William Sanderson, was declared appointed Superintendent of Ferries, Wharves and Piers.
On motion of Ald Thompson the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the board to appoint viva voice an Overseer of the poor, and William Whitley was unanimously appointed to that office.
For Corporation Paper three ballotings were had with the following result :
First balloting.
The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser, received three votes.
The Daily Telegraph, received seven votes.
The Whisper, received three votes.
The New York Daily Times, received one vote.
One blank was cast.
Secon balloting—
The Daily Telegraph, received seven votes.
The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser, received five votes.
The Whisper, received one vote.
One blank was cast
Third balloting—
The Daily Telegraph, received nine votes.
The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser, received five votes.
Whereupon, the Daily Telegraph was declared appointed the Corporation Paper.
On motion of Ald. Davenport the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and the following persons were *viva voce* unanimously appointed Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments, viz :
David Gould, Jacob A. Van Bushirk, James S. Hutton, James Narine.
Ald. Hill moved " That the Board proceed to the appointment of City Watchmen."
Ald Wilson moved " That the appointmtnt of City Watchmen be postponed until the next meeting of the Common Council."
The motion was declared rejected : the followirg being the vote, the yeas and nays heving been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Wilson, Thompson and Edge.
Yeas—Ald. Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.
Nays—The President and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney and Lyman.
Absent—Ald. Cobb.
Ald. Hill's motion was then adopted.
On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the vote was reconsidered by which Ald. Hill's motion was adopted, and the same was amended so as to read, that the board do proceed to the appointment of watchmen from the third and fourth wards.
The rule requiring a balloting was suspended on motion of Ald. Hill, and the ollowing named persons were viva voce appointed for the third ward. viz :
James C. Smith. Jacob T. Beekman. Levi W. Towel. Josiah M Topping, Augustus J. Baum and George Danbury.
On the motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and the following named persons were viva voce appointed watchmen rom the fourth ward, viz :
Ransford Bennet, John Van Pelt, John A. Topping, Abraham Van Riper, James P. Rainey, William Twibell.
On motion of Ald. Hill the rule requiring a ballotting was suspended, and Michael H. Traverse and Jarvis L. Ayres, were viva voce appointed Policemen from the Third Ward.
On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the rule requiring a ballotting was suspended and Joseph Kittle, and Jeremiah Clark were viva voce appointed Policemen from the Fourth Ward.
On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting Tuesday, June 5, 1855, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present.—Aldermen Cobb, Davenport, Erwin.Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Alderman Edge was absent at the calling of the roll, but during the reading of the minutes appeared and took his seat.

Absent.—The President ot the Board.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tempore*.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the rules were suspended for the purpose, and a communication was presented from Mr. William Clarke, claiming his right to a seat as an Alderman from the First Ward, and asking to be qualified and take his seat in the Board.

Ald. Thompson moved. "That the communication be received, and the prayer of the petitioner granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Thompson and Wilson.

Yeas.—Cobb, Davenport. Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays.—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge.

Ald. Green and Hill not voting, having by vote been excused from doing so.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the required oaths were then administered to Mr. Clarke by the City Clerk, and he took his seat as an Alderman from the First ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of J. G. Edge, to have Mercer street from Washington to Warren street paved, and the necessary cross walks laid. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of Charles Fink and others, for the privilege of paving at their own expense, but under the direction of the committee on streets, Grove street between Grand and Montgomery streets. Prayer of petitioners granted, provided that the committee on streets have power to appoint at the expense of said petitioners a Superintendent of the work

Petition of Walter Lane to be appointed a City Watchman. Laid upon the table.

Communication from the Board of Trustees of the Fire Department Fund Association, proposing certain amendments to the ordinance regulating the Fire Department. Ref. to committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petitions from the following named persons for tavern licenses were presented and laid upon the table

J. Wilson, J Schofield, P. Gaynor, J. Wallace. H. Merseles, T. Lynch, F. Kanenbly, J. B. Rae, P. Doyle, G. Miller and J. Anderson, Briggs and Wilson, Owen McCue W. A. Crawford, F. Boyle, W. Ewald, P. Martin and John Smith.

Petition from Timothy Deegan for permission to sell at his store No. 7 Montgomery street, liquors in quantities of not less than a quart, etc Laid upon the table.

Petition of Daniel A. Bushfield and others for the abatement of a nuisance, caused by the keeping of cows in a barn on the rear of lots Nos 395, 397, and 399 Grove street. Ref. to committee on Public Health.

Communication from L renzo Jaquins and Isaac VanSaun respecting taxes assessed upon the property of Charles Mix, Esq., for the last year. Ref. to committee on finance.

Communication from Edmond Topping and others, in relation to the condition of South 6th and Erie streets, where they cross each other. Ref. to committee on sewers.

The official bonds of the following named city officers were presented, approved, and ordered filed.

Of Thomas B Kissane, Constable; J. V. Hardenbergh. Comptroller; Lorenzo Jaquins, Collector of Taxes; R. S. Gillman, Street Commissioner; J. Z. Marinus, Collector of Assessments; W. Whitley, Overseer of the Poor: C. J. Farley, Chief of Police; R D. McClelland, Corporation Attorney; and G. W. Cassedy, City Clerk.

Two notices from A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., of application for the allowance of certiorarias to remove into the Supreme Court the assessment for taxes of 1854, upon lands of M. O. Roberts & Co. Ref. to corporation attorney.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. V. Brower. $10; E. Randall, $50. Quaife & Otley $75; and S. Quaife $50. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Of G. Danberry. $72 38; and J. F. Richardson $8. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of J. F. Fielder & Co. $31 50, $5 31, $150 65, $6 64, and $79 78; Smith & Leonard, $32; D. Keenan, 11,054 02; W. Moore, $101 87; Bacot & Wood, $330; and E. Morris, $3 62 Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Drayton & Durant, $172 32, and $373 04; D. B. Wakeman, $5 97; H. Rily. $14 11: E. Hope, junior, $8; W. Whitley. $101 49; S. Billington, $3; and J. A. French, $27, 37. Ref. to committee on alms

Of T. D. Jordan, 124; W. R. & J. B. Drayton. $38 75; and S. H. Many $33 94. Ref to committee on fire and Water.

Of S. A French, $87 50; J. Sylvester, $4 50; P.D.Haight $6; E, Morris, $58 33; J. B Dunn, $20; and Lewis Colby, $50. Ref. to comittee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of H. Gilbert, $6 25; Smith Mead, $8; Capron & DeKlyn $50 25; Marshall & Morris, $2; E. Barton. $1 75; and R. S. Gillman, $50. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of W. Eaton. $20 50; H. Billingsley, $26; J F. Richardson, $3 25; Isaac Wakefield, $27 74; J. F Richardson, $31; and A. H. Miller & Co. $134 19. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of H P. Robinson. $11; J. Creech, $1 50; and S. W. Treadwell, $20 80 Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of Henry Steel, $181 78 Ref. to committee on schools.

Of R. S. Gilman, $2 50. Ref. to committee on public health.

The City Clerk presented the Annual Message of his Honor the Mayor, which was read, and three hundred copies were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, and the subjects contained therein. ref. to their appropriate committee.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the fire deparament. announcing the following elections, resignations and expulsion in that department, viz.:

Elections of S A. Hopkins, John J Hill, and Albert A. Smith by engine company No. 5.

Expulsion of Samuel Phillips, Jr, from hook and ladder company No. 1.

Resignation of J. B. Welch. Wm. Nephew and Stephen Quaife from engine company No. 5. Communications received, ordered filed, and elections approved.

Communication from the corporation attorney, in relation to taxes on property of Paterson railroad Co. Ref.to committee on laws and ordinances.

A writ of supersedeas served on the city clerk on the 2nd inst, on behalf o. A O. Zabriskie and others, in relation to taxes on certain lands under water, was presented,and referred to the committee on laws and ordinances.

Communication from the captain of the watch, complaining that the street lamps are frequently not lighted on dark nights, etc. Ref. to committee on watch.

A report from the board of water commissioners, as to the condition of the water works, was presented, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper

The city treasurer's report for May, 1855,showing a balance of $1080 12, in the treasury on the 1st inst., subject to drafts for the payment of improvement certificates, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The recorder's quarterly report to June 1st, 1855, was presented, ordered to be published in the corporation paper, and referred to committee on police and license.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of notices of "application to have sunken lots in South Third street filled up," and "application to have sunken lots in Bright st., filled up, etc. Reports received and ordered filed.

Leases drawn by the Corporation Attorney, pursuant to order of the Common Council, to George W. Myer of lots 17 and 28 Newark avenue, on block 47, according to the assessment map, were presented, and ordered to be executed by his Honor the Mayor and by the City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city.

The joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings presented sealed proposals received by them for completing the carpenter's work of the Public School House in the Fourth ward, which were opened, read, and found to be from the following named persons:—L. D. Laudrine, R. Brokaw, W. Roosevelt, Wm. Powell, and F. H. Rogers.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution in relation thereto, which was adopted

Resolved, That the proposals for carpenters work on Fourth ward school house be referred to the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings, with power to contract with the lowest bidder, providing they deem it for the interest of the city to do so.

The committee on streets reported that they have accepted the proposal of Wm. A. Cumming, for regulating Jersey st., between Mercer and Grand streets, of Charles G Sisson, for regulating York street, between Henderson and Jersey street, and of Edward D. Reily to paint and erect street sign boards.

Contracts ordered to be drawn by the City Attorney, and the Mayor and City Clerk requested to execute the same under the seal of the city.

The committee on streets reported the following claims correct, and they were then referred before the committee on assessments:

Of Daniel Keenan, $2,157 78; Bacot & Wood, $490; Bacot & Wood, $60; Charles A. Tanner, $13,460 26; and Wm. Moore, $28 75.

The following entitled Ordinances were presented by Ald. Hill, and laid upon the table.

"An ordinance for the better governing of the fire department; regulating the election of members who have previously resigned, or who have been expelled from the department for cause."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, Bay street, curbing, guttering and flagging side walks, four feet wide on each side, from the intersection of Grove st. to the intersection of Prospect street.

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, the south side of Railroad avenue, nineteen feet wide, and the curb and gutter to be set nine feet from the south line of said avenue, and the side walk to be flagged four feet wide from the intersection of Prospect street to the intersection of Warren street."

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, filling, and paving Jersey street from the intersection of Grand street to the northerly side of Mercer street"

An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, and laying cross walks, and flag the side walks four feet wide in South 2d street, between Coles street and Monmouth street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, curbing, guttering, paving, and flagging the side walks four feet wide in South 3d street between Prospect street and Jersey ave."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks and flagging the side walks four feet wide in South 3d street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the depth of two and one half feet, laying cross walks, and flagging the south side of South Third street, between Monmouth street and Newark avenue."

The committee on streets presented sealed proposals received for contracts to sweep and clean the streets of the city during the present year.

The proposals were opened, read and found to be from Daniel Smith, Alexander Love, John Jackman, and Bernard Hughes.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was Resolved, That the contract for cleaning and sweeping the streets of the city be entered into with the lowest bidder, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to execute such contract with said bidder.

On motion of Ald. Hill, permission was granted to Ald. Cobb and Tyrrell to exchange positions with each other as chairmen of the committees on alms, and laws, and ordinances, they desiring to make such change.

On motion of Ald Green, it was ordered that the vacancies in the standing committee be filled by the insertion of Ald. Clarke's name, wherever such vacancies occur.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, permission was granted to Ald. Erwin and Edge to change positions as members of the committees on salaries, offices and elections and lamps, they desiring to make such change.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald. Keeney,

Resolved, That a warrant for thirty dollars be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of the chairman of the committee on watch, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the watch house. Adopted.

By Ald Rappleyea,

Resolved, That an appropriation of three hundred and fifty dollars, is hereby made towards the celebration of the approaching anniversary of our National Independence, said amount to be expended under the direction of the committee on public grounds and buildings. Adopted.

By Ald Lyman,

Resolved, That the committee on finance, are hereby directed to prepare and publish in the corporation paper, a list of all unredeemed property sold for taxes or assessments by this corporation, on the 1st July and 15th September, 1853. Adopted.

By Ald. Lyman

Resolved, That the chairmen of the several committees of this board be requested to furnish the finance committee with a statement of the amounts which they require for the support of their departments for the current year, with as little delay as possible. Adopted.

By Ald. Lyman.

Resolved, That the finance committee be authorized to negotiate a loan for the use of the city in anticipation of the taxes at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent, and payable on or before the first day of January, 1856, of ten thousand dollars, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue the bonds of the city upon the requisition of said committee for such sums as they may require, not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President.

Ald. Greene presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid on the table. viz:

"An ordinance concerning cartmen, hack drivers omnibus drivers and porters."

In the early part of the meeting a petition was presented from James McNulty in relation to the proposed filling up of lots on the north side of South 3rd Street, between Coles Street and Jersey Avenue, which petition was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the petition of James McNulty was taken up for consideration and on motion of Ald; Hill it was.

Resolved, That the committee on streets be authorized to advertise for proposals for a contract to abate the nuisance referred to.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the committee on streets be authorized to advertise for proposals for a contract to abate the nuisance caused by sunken lots in Bright Street.

Ald. Thompson moved "That the application of William H. Frazee, for a tavern license, be taken up for consideration.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley Thompson and Edge.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President.

Ald. Thompson moved "That the application of William H. Frazee, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted." The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea. Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the application of Wm. Armstrong for a tavern license was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That that the license be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote the yeas nad nays having been ordered and taken.

Nays—Clark, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, Wilson.

Yeas—Cobb, Davenport, Green, Hill, Insley, Lyman.

Absent—The President.

On motion of Ald. Edge the application of Moses H. and Cotton W. Bean for license to keep an Inn and Tavern, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Edge moved "That the license be granted."

Alderman Green moved "To refer the application to a select committee." The motion was lost.

Ald. Lyman moved "That this and all other applications on the table for tavern licenses be referred to the committee on police and licenses." The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Hill the petition of the Messrs. Bean was referred back to them for correction.

On motion of Ald Thompson the vote was reconsidered by which the application of William Armstrong for a tavern license was granted, and on motion of Alderman Edge the said application was laid upon the table again.

On motion of Ald. Erwin, John J. Wanner's application for a license to keep an inn and tavern, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Erwin moved "That the license be granted."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Clark, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Wilson.

Nays—Cobb, Davenport, Green, Hill, Insley, Lyman, Tyrrell.

Absent—The President.

Ald. Hill moved "That the amount to be paid to the city for license to keep an inn and tavern during the current year, be fixed at two hundred and fifty dollars.

Ald Rappleyea moved to amend the motion, by inserting fifty dollars as the amount.

Ald Thompson moved as an amendment to the amendment that the amount be fixed at one hundred dollars.

The amendment to the amendment was rejected.

Ald Rappleyea's amendment was adopted, and the motion of Ald. Hill as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call on Ald. Hill, Insley and Greene:

Yeas—Ald. Clark: Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald.Corbb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, and Lyman.

Absent—The President.

On motion of Ald. Edge the application of Mrs Potter Browning for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern was taken up for consideration, and on motion of Ald. Edge leave was granted to the applicant to withdraw her petition for correction.

The board proceeded to the appointment of School Superintendent, on motion of Ald. Greene.

On motion of Ald. Greene the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Abram S. Jewell was viva voce appointed School Superintendent.

On motion of Ald. Greene, the Common Council proceeded to the appointment of a member of the Board of Education to fill a vacancy from the First ward.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and John W. Parker was viva voce appointed such member of the Board of Education, in the place of Mr. Jewell.

The Board, on motion of Ald. Greene, proceeded to the appointment of a member of the Board of Education from the Second ward, for the full term.

Ald Davenport and Thompson were appointed tellers, and a balloting was had with the following result—

Justus Slater received ten votes.

Benjamin O. Edge received five votes.

On motion of Ald. Green the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Monroe Howell, was viva voce appointed a member of the Board of Education in the place of A. B. Wilcox, to fill a vacancy, and Thomas M. Gopsill was appointed a member of said Board from the Third Ward for the full term of three years.

On motion of Ald. Greene the Common Council proceeded to the appointment of a member of the Board of Education from the Fourth ward, for the full term of three years.

Ald. Thompson and Davenport were appointed tellers, and a balloting was had with the following result.

Albert T. Smith, received eleven votes; Alexander Ramsay, received three votes; Andrew Anderson, received one vote. Whereupon Albert T. Smith was declared appointed.

The rules were suspended for the purpose, on motion of Ald. Lyman, and Joseph H. Fairbanks and James Wallace, were viva voce appointed policemen from the First Ward; and J. H. Baldwin, F. M. Post, F B. Watts, John C. Flower and John L. Brown were appointed watchmen from the first ward.

On motion of Ald. Lyman the appointment of the remaining watchmen from the First ward was postponed.

Ald. Edge moved "That the Watchmen be appointed for the Second ward." The motion was adopted.

Ald. Erwin moved "To suspend the rules, and to make the appointments viva voce." The motion was rejected.

Ald. Hill moved "To make the appointment by ballot.—The motion was adopted.

Ballotings were had with the following result—

First balloting—T. M. Craig, 2 votes; Patrick Matthews, 2 votes; Henry French, 2 votes; N Turner, 2 votes; J. G. Carol, 1 vote; J. G Carle, 1 vote; S. W. Treadwell, 4 votes; Selah Hill, 2 votes; William Anness, 10 votes; John P. Masseker, 10 votes; John Ayres, 10 votes; Cornelius Vandemark, 10 votes: Benjamin Haines, 9 votes; Henry Paynton, 4 votes, one blank was cast.

Whereupon William Anness, John P. Masseker, John Ayres, Cornelius Vandemark, and Benjamin Haines were declared appointed.

Second balloting—Henry Paynton, 6 votes; Stephen W. Treadwell, 4 votes; Henry French. 1 vote; one blank cast.

Third balloting—Henry Paynton, 7 votes; S. W. Treadwell, 5 votes. one blank was cast.

Fourth balloting—Henry Paynton, 8 votes; S. W. Treadwell, 6 votes; Edge, 1 vote.

Fifth balloting—Henry Paynton, 9 votes; S. W. Treadwell, 5 votes.

Whereupon Henry Paynton was declared appointed.

(Ald. Thompson obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board proceeded to the appointment of two policemen from the Second Ward.

Ald. Insley and Davenport were appointed Tellers and ballotings were had which resulted as follows:

First balloting—S. W. Treadwell, 5 votes; David Babington, 8 votes; Benjamin Haines, 1 vote; John Van Pelt, 9 votes: one blank cast.

Whereupon John Van Pelt was declared appointed.

(Ald. Erwin, obtained leave and retired.)

Second balloting—David Babington 8 votes; S. W. Treadwell, 4 votes.

Third balloting—David Babington, 9 votes; Stephen W. Treadwell, 4 votes.

Whereupon David Babington was declared appointed.

(Ald. Wilson obtained leave and retired.)

The following claims were presented in the early part of the meeting, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of N. Ellis, $44 28; G. Morrow, $2 97, A. Love, $625; Day Policemen, $45; and City Watchmen, $679.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meeting of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of A Van Riper, $9 50; Officers of Election in Fourth ward, $24; C. H Winfield, $8; W. D. Stivers, $1 22; Officers of Election in Second ward, $35 50, E. M. Dickinson, $6; City Canvassers, $49 50; W. Whitley, $125; F. Kissam, $8, A. P Rikeman, $20; J. Young, 75; S. W. Treadwell, $6; E. Hope Jr., $5; H. Riley, $34 37; P. S. Billington, $6; J. Crummey, $5 15; W Whitley, $321 85; W. Whitley, $51 82; S Mead, $193, 06; J. R. Halladay, $13 65, W. J. Holmes, $67 50; Woolsey & Woolsey, $25 96; R. B. Kashow, $1 50; and J. Jelly, $6;

On motion of Ald Davenport it was—

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at this place, on Tuesday the twelfth inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, June 12th, 1855, at 8 o'clock, p.m

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk

Present—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Rapplayea, Ald. Insley was appointed President *pro tempore.*

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Petitions of M. H. & C. W. Bean, J. Grimes, P. Toner, R. Cosgrove, J. S. Hencil, J. Hunt, W. Murtagh, H. Riely, and C. Lowman, for licences to keep Inns and Taverns. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Patrick Maloney for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Laid upon the table.

Official bond of Earl B. Sippell as collector of arrears of taxes. Approved and ordered filed.

Petition of Isaac Edge Sen'r., to be employed to furnish the fireworks to be used by the city for celebrating the Fourth of July. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Petition of John Pringle to have a lamp placed in Bright street, between Grove and Barrow streets.—Ref to committee on lamps.

Petition of Mary Ann Wilmarth for permission to do the filling etc., in front of her property on the northerly side of Bay street. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of John Wiseman and others to have Wayne street, between Jersey stree and Putnam street, curbed etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Samuel McLaughlin to have Mercer street, between Washington and Greene streets, filled up and repaved. Ref to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of McGuigan and Nugent, $10 71; J. McDonald, $51; W. W. Lee, $25 73; and McGuigan and Nugent $3 57. Referred to committee on lamps.

Of W. W. Lee $3 55; D. & A. Mc I Henderson, $8 50; and R. B Kashow, $27 61. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of R. B. Kashow 40 cts. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of W. W. Lee, $3 75; H. H. Fenn, $13 42; H. H. Fenn, $58; Policemen, $83 52. Ref. to committee on police and licences.

Of R B Kashow, $3 94, $3 13. 62 cts, $3 75, $36 75 and $70 48. Ref. to committee on finance

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of S. Randle, $18 48, and W. Hanks, $15 96.

Requisitions were presented from the Board of Education for the payment of the following claims, and warrants for the amount were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the parties named.

Of Ingham & Hall, $52 29; J. B. Dunn, $1 93; D. Easton, $9 88; C. Scott, $25 08; C. Van Vorst, $75. S. R. Tyrrell, $31 25; E. B. Sippell, G.W. Russ, and G. H. Linsley, $60.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of R.S. Gilman, $50; J Creach, $1 50; Capron and De Klyn, $52 25; H. Gilbert, $6 25; Marshall and Morris, $2; S Mead, $8; E. Barton, $1 75; S H. Many, $33 94; W. R & J. B. Drayton, $38 75; T. D. Jordan, $24; D. Smith, $32; Smith and Leonard, $32; S. W. Treadwell, $20 80; G. Danbury, $12 38; J. F. Richardson, $8; I. Clark, $200; E. Morris, $3 62; and of J. F. Fielder, & Co. $79 78, $31 50, $6 64 and $5 31.

The committee on laws and ordinances reported adversly to making the amendment to the ordinance regulating the fire department, asked for by the trustees of the fire department fund association in their communication of the 5th instant. Report accepted.

The joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings, reported that they have rejected all of the proposals referred to them on the 5th instant, for the contract to do the carpenters wark of the Fourth ward public school house; and submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for the completion of the carpenters work on the Fourth ward school house. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on watch, to whom was referred on the 5th instant, the communication of the captain of the watch, reported in favor of erecting a gas lamp on the corner of Wayne and Henderson streets in front of the station house, under the direction of the committee on watch. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The following claims referred to the committee on streets, on the 5th inst., were reported correct, and then referred to the committee on assessments.

Of Bacot & Wood $330; Daniel Keenan, $11,054 02; and William Moore, $101 87.

Ald. Rappleyea, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby authorized and instructed to have Passaic hose carriage, house No 4, enlarged, at an expense not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Lyman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Stephen W. Smith, for four dollars and seventy-eight cents, and the interest on that amount at the rate of six per cent per annum, from the 9th of June, 1854, until the issuing of said warrant, being for the purchase money of lot 83 Steuben street, on block 50, bought by him at that date for taxes of 1853; the tax due on said lot having been paid previously to the Collector of taxes, and through mistake returned by him as unpaid; the warrant to be delivered to Mr. Smith, on his surrender to the City Clerk of the declaration of sale.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleya offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That at its next regular meeting this Common Council will appoint by ballot eight citizens (two from each ward,) who together with his honor the Mayor, and eight of the members of this Board to be appointed at the same meeting by the President, shall constitute a committee to draft a new Charter for Jersey City, and that when said new charter shall have been prepared, it shall be the duty of the committee to call a public meeting of our citizens, to which such charter shall be submitted for approval prior to making application for its passage by the Legislature

Resolved, That the committee be requested to complete their work, and submit the same to the public meeting provided for in these resolutions, on

or before the first day of October next.

Ald. Davenport moved "That the resolutions be laid upon the table.'

The motion was anopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Erwin.

Yeas—Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Lyman.

Nays—Edge, Erwin, Greene, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Thompson

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution passed April 17, 1855, appropriating seventy-five dollars, for the purchase of a hose carriage for engine Co No. 3, and the resolution passed May 15, 1855, ordering a warrant to be drawn for the amount of said appropriation, be and the same are hereby rescinded, and the city clerk is hereby requested to cancel said warrant, and

Resolved, That an appropriation of fifty dollars be made for the purpose of introducing the Passaic water into engine house No. 3, and that said work be done under the direction of the committee on public grounds and buildings. The resoluions were adopted.

Ald Greene offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the city assessors have permission to take from the city clerk's office, such maps as they may find necessary to aid them in making out their assessment roll. The resolution was laid upon the table.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "that the vote be re onsidered by which the application of John J. Wanner, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern, was rejected on the 5th instant."

The motion was declared rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been order ed and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Edge and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald. Thompson.

(Ald. Greene obtained leave and retired)

Ald. Hill moved to amend the rules of order so as to provide for holding regular meetings on every Tuesday evening until the 1st, of August next.

Ald. Wilson moved to grant leave to Ald. Hill to withdraw his amendment.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been orderered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Keeney.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Hill, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President, Ald. Greene and Thompson.

Ald. Edge offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The introduction of Passaic water has rendered useless many of the fire engines belonging to this city, Therefore be it Resolved, That the committee on fire and water with the Chief Engineer be and are hereby empowered to ascertain at what price they can be sold and report the same to this board

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the followin vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Wilson, Hoffman, and Davenport.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—The President and Ald. Greene and Thompson

A communication was presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, asking permission to transfer Joseph Roberts from Engine Co. No. 5, to Hose Co. No. 4. Permission granted.

(Ald. Edge obtained leave and retired)

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance laid upon the table on the 17th April last, was taken up for consideration, viz :

" An ordinance defining the duties and prescribing the compensation of the city surveyors."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Wilson

Nays—Ald. Erwin.

Absent—The President, Ald. Edge, Greene, and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance providing for laying side walks on the east side of Grove street, laid upon the table on the 17th April last, was taken up for consideration

The ordinance was amended in its sections, and the title of the ordinance amended, so as to read as follows :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, laying bridge stone cross walks and side walks *four* feet wide where the same has not been done, on the easterly side of Grove street between Newark avenue and Pavonia avenue.

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Greene and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance laid upon the table on the 17th April last, was taken up for consideration.

" An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, an laying bridge stones at all the intersections, and side walks four feet wide in South Seventh street, between Jersey avenue and Newark avenue."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Clerk, Cobb, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge, Greene and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Erwin the petition of J. L. Burst and others, for the appointment of Peter Dolan as Pound Keeper for the Second and Third wards, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Erwin moved "that Peter Dolan be appointed Pound Keeper for the Second ward."

Ald. Wilson moved "that the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that Peter Dolan be viva-voce appointed Pound Keeper for the Second ward."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Hill, Cobb and Lyman.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Erwin and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge, Greene and Thompson.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that Matthew Burbank be appointed pound keeper for the Fourth ward.

The motion was declared rejected the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Wilson, Erwin and Rappleyea.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Hill, Insley, Keeney and Rappleyea.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Erwin, Hoffman, Lyman, Tyrrell and Wilson

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge, Greene and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting Tuesday, June 19th, 1855, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose and it was

Resolved, That Samuel A. French be viva voce appointed commissioner of assessment, to assess the expenses of filling in, regulating, paving, &c., South Fifth street, between Erie and Newark avenues, including intersections, in the place of Jacob A. Van Buskirk, who is interested in the improvement.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of John Miller and others to have the vacant lots in Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets filled up, &c. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of N. J. R. R. and Transportation Company and others, for permission to pave at their own cost and expense, that part of Mercer street between Warren and Washington streets, opposite their premises, &c. Prayer of Petitioners granted provided the work be done under the direction of the committee on streets, and be completed by the 20th July, 1855.

Petition of L. R. Bailey to have lamps placed in Jersey street from Mercer to Bright street. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of John Cassedy and others to have a lamp placed in York street, between Grove and Barrow streets opposite the Free Episcopal church. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of Thomas S. Doremus and others, for the abatement of a nuisance on the block bounded by Montgomery, Mercer, Barrow and Jersey streets, consisting of a pool of stagnant water Ref. to committee on public health.

Petition of C. Rawson to have a regular route assigned for running his omnibus line. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Benjamin Peterson for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Communication from John *V.* Brower, complaining of the acts of the Jersey City Gas Light Company, etc. Ref. to a special committee, consisting of Ald. Tyrrell, Greene, and Insley.

Petition of Michael Hagen for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Laid upon the table.

Remonstrance of Isaac Machin and others against the passage of the ordinance for the filling in etc of the south side of Railroad avenue nineteen feet wide, etc. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Peter Wagner for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Laid upon the table.

Petition of E P. Torrey for permission to do such portion of the work in the contemplated improvement of Prospect street as lies opposite his property, north of North 6th street. Prayer of petitioner granted, provided it be done by the 1st. September next, and under the direction of the committee on streets.

Petitions from the following named persons for licenses to keep Inns and Taverns were presented and laid upon the table.

W. L. Broking, J. Horn, T. Baxter, J. Gibson, J. Allen, Mrs. Potter Browning, W. King, and G. Filby.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of D. Henderson, $1438 71 ; Bacot & Wood, $43, and W. Moore, $16 25. Ref to committee on streets

Of D. Smith, 109 99 ; and Daily Telegraph, $177 75. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Boyes & Sharp, $45 76. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of W. Eaton, $20 50. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of Capron & De Klyn, $82 38 ; Woolsey & Woolsey, $7 61 and N. Turner, $1. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of Officers of Election in First ward, $37 50 ; and A. T. Smith, $100. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

E. D. Reily, $2 65 ; J. F. Richardson, $10 ; G. Danbury, $7 38 ; Boyes & Sharp, $36 69 ; W. Whitley, $33 52; and J. A. French $20 56.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the amounts respectively named, and the same were ordered paid.

Of H. P. Robinson, $10 50 ; H. H. Fenn, $13 42 ; R. B Kashow, 40 cents, $36 75, 62 cents, $3 94, $70 48, $3 13 and $3 75 ; J F. Fielder & Co., $150 65 ; W. W. Lee. $3 75 ; Day Policemen, $83 52 ; R. S. Gillman, $2 50 ; H. H. Fenn, $58 ; P. D. Haight, $6 ; S. A. French, $87 50 ; J. B. Dunn, $10 ; J. Sylvester, $4 50 ; E. Morris, 58 33 ; L. Colby, $50 ; Daily Telegraph, $386 75 ; H. Reilly, $14 11 ; Drayton and Durant $172 32 and $373 04 ; S. Billington, $3 ; D. B. Wakeman, $5 97 ; W. Whitley, $101 49 ; J. A. French, $6 81 ; and E. Hope, jr., $8.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication irom His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 18th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, June 18, 1855

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

I return without my approval the official bond of Lorenzo Jaquins, collector of taxes. The ordinance prescribing the duties of the collector of taxes, provides, that he shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give to the city, in its corporate name, an approved bond in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties. The sum named in the bond before me, is only five thousand dollars, which it will be observed does not conform to the requirements of said ordinance. Therefore, the necessity of returning it without my signature.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution, approving the bond do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport. Erwnin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge, and Thompson.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the following elections aad expulsions from the fire department.

Election of Elbridge Van Syckle by Passaic Hose Company No. 4.

Expulsion of John Marshall by Engine Co. No. 1.

Expulsions of George Whitlock. Samuel Bennett, and John B. Davis, by Hose Company No. 2. Communications received, ordered filed, and elections approved.

Communication from the Street Commissioner, in reference to sunken lots in blocks 48, 50, and 53, in the Second ward, and in block 69 in Third ward. Presented and referred to committee on public health.

Report from Board of Education, of amount of monies which will be required for the support of the public schools during the present year. Presented and refered to committee on finance.

The city clerk presented a remonstrance, filed in his office on the 19th instant, signed by Edward Coles and others, against the construction of the South 5th street sewer. Ref. to committee on sewers.

The city clerk presented a certified copy of a rule of court served upon him on the 13th inst., ordering the city to desist for the present, from the sale for taxes, of the property of Marshall O. Roberts and Charles Hecksher. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

The city clerk presented a notice from I.W.Scudder, Esq., to the effect that the assessment for filling in Bright street, from Grove to Jersey street, and Warren street from Montgomery to York street, have been declared illegal by the Supreme court, filed with a copy of the decision in the city clerk's office this day. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled notices:

Application to have the side walk in front of lots 15, 17,19, 20,22, 29 and 31 Essex street, paved, and the lots fenced in, or such of them as are not already so.

Application to have a wooden drain made from the easterly side of Jersey avenue to and through an alley way of ten feet in width, running through the centre of the blocks bounded by South 3d and South 4th, Erie and Monmouth streets, lying westerly of Jersey Avenue, to an open ditch in the Salt Marsh at a point 100 feet westerly from Monmouth street.

"Application to have Prospect street between Newark avenue and centre of Mill Creek improved" &c.

Notice of filing by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, of the report and map of the building of a main sewer through South 5th street, &c. Reports received and ordered filed.

The committee on finance to whom was referred on the 5th instant, the communication from Lorenzo Jaquins and Isaac Van Saun respecting tax assessed upon the property of Chas. Mix, for the last year, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. Report received and adopted.

The joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings peresented sealed proposals received by them for the contract to complete the carpenter's work on the Fourth ward school house. The proposals were opened, read and found to be from D. P. & G. W. Collins, Wm. Powell, and Richard Brokaw.

On motion of Ald. Greene it was

Resolved, That the proposals received for completing the carpenter's work of the Fourth ward public school house, be referred to the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings. with authority to contract with either of the two lowest bidders for the contract, provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 12th instaut, the petition of Mrs. Wilmarth for the privilege of doing her own filling and flagging in front of her property in Bay street, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, provided the work be done on or before the first day of September next. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The committee on Assessments presented the assessment for regulating South 5th street from Erie street to Newark avenue, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper that the Assessors' Report and Map for regulating South Fifth street from Erie street to Newark avenue is on file in the City Clerk's office, No 15 Montgomery street. and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in July at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted

The committee on assessments presented the assessment for regulating Prospect street, from Bay street to Pavonia ave., and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for regulating Prospect street from Bay street to Pavonia avenue, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in July, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

The committae on assessments presented the assessment for regulating Van Vorst street from Grand street to Gregory-st., and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper. that the assessor's report and map for regulating Van Vorst street from Grand street to Gregorystreet is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in July, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on sewers to whom was referred on the 15th May last, the petition of John Headden to have a wooden drain made from the easterly side of Jersey avenue, &c., reported adversely to granting the prayer of the petitionor because the improvement asked for does not conform to the plan of sewerage. Report received and adopted.

The committee on public health, to whom was referred on the 5th instant, the petition of Daniel A. Bushfield and others for the abatement of a nuisance, reported that they do not find that any nuisance exists. Report received.

Ordinances were presented and laid upon the table, entitled as follows:

By committee on finance.

"An ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five."

By committee on salaries, offices and elections. "An ordinance fixing salaries.

By committee on streets

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade Prospect street, where the said street has not already been filled from Newark avenue to the centre of Mill Creek and curb, gutter, side walks flagged four feet wide and bridge stones cross walks laid at all the intersections."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, laying side walks where the same has not already been done in Essex street between Van Vorst and Hudson streets."

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald. Hill.

Resolved, That the rules requiring a balloting be suspended and that Stephen Quaife, Isaac B. Culver, William G. Hunt, Delos, E.Culver and J.W. Otley be viva voce appointed city surveyors for the ensuing year.

On motion of Ald. Wilson the resolution was amended by the insertion of W. H. Wood, and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

By Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on finance, in favor of Jas. F. Fielder for six thousand three hundred dollars, being on account of his bill for regulating Grand street from Jersey st. to the Mill creek, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill. Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, and Thompson

By. Ald. Keeney.

Resolved, That the resolution passed on the 5th inst, appropriating thirty dollars to the committee on watch, for cleaning the watch house, be and the same is hereby rescinded. Adopted.

By Ald. Keeney,

Resolved. That the committee on watch are hereby authorized to have the station house cleaned and refitted, at an expense not to exceed thirty dollars. Adopted.

By Ald. Rappleyea.

Resolved, That the committee on finance are hereby instrdcted to purchase for the city, at a cost not to exceed fifty dollars, a copy of Bacot & Wood's new city map; said map to be used by the assessors of taxes, but when not actually in use by them, to be kept in the city clerk's office. Adopted.

By Ald. Rappleyea;

Resolved, That the committee on finance are hereby instructed to have made a copy of the *V.* V. township map, now on file in the city clerk's office, at a cost not to exceed the sum of $25 dollars. Adopted.

By Ald. Rappleyea and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby instructed to ascertain and report to this Board, at what price suitable lots of ground can be purchased in the 2d, 3d, and 4th wards, for the erection thereon of houses for the fire department.

By Ald. Cobb and adopted

Resolved, That the committee on laws and ordinances be empowered to employ additional counsel for the purpose of

defending the suit now pending between the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City defendants, and Abraham O. Zabriskie and others plaintiffs. Also in the suit of said city defendants, and M. O Roberts and others plaintiffs.

By Ald. Wilson.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, one from the first, third, and fourth wards to select a suitable person for pound master for the second ward. The resolution was rejected.

By Ald. Tyrrell.

Resolved, That the thirty third rule now governing this Board be amended so as to read every Tuesday evening from this date until the first of August 1855.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Hill.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Hill, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

By Ald. Insley and adopted.

Whereas, At the last regulnr meeting of this board a license to keep an Inn and Tavern was granted to a person who had been recommended by twelve citizens as a man of good repute for honesty and Temperance, and

Whereas, It was subsequently ascertained that said person had recently been intoxicated, and in the city prison, and this board, under the circumstances obliged to revoke said license; therefore

Resolved, That the city attorney be, and hereby is requested to take the proper steps to bring all persons before the next Grand Jury, who shall sign or make an unfawful, or improper application to this board, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern.

By Ald. Tyrrell.

Resolved, That a warrant for one hundred and seventy five dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frederick Porret being balance due him on Hose Carriage built for Engine Co. No. 1.

The following entitled ordinancet lying on the table, were taken up, on motion of Ald. Hill, and disposed of as follows :

"An ordinance to provide for fiilling in to the established grade, Bay street curbing. guttering and laying side walks four feet wide on each side from the intersection of Grove street to the intersection of Prospect street." presented June 5th 1855.

The ordinance was amended and as amended passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

The ordinance providing for the filling in of Railroad avenue, which was presented June 5 1855.

The ordinance was amended in its sections; and its title was so amended as to read as folllows :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade the south side of Railroad avenue. nineteen feet wide, and the curb and gutter to be set six feet from the south line of said avenue and the side walk to be flagged four feet wide from the intersection of Prospect street to the intersection of Warren street."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the ollowing vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Ald.Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Greene Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Erwin, Rappleyea, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

The ordinance presented June 5, 1855, providing for the filling in &c., South 3d street between Prospect street and Jersey avenue, was amended in its sections, and the title amended, so as to read as follows :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, curbing, guttering, paving and flagging the side walks four feet wide in South Third street, between Prospect street and Jeisey avenue, including the intersections,"

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill. Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

The ordinance presented June 5th, 1855 providing for the regulating etc of Jersey street, was amended in its sections, and the title amended so as to read as follows :

" An ordinance to provide for regulating, filling, and paving Jersey street from Grand street to Mercer street, including the intersections."

The ordinance as amended, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

The ordinance, presented June 5, 1855, providing for the filling in etc., of South Second street, was amended in its sections, and the title amended so as to read as follows :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering and laying side walks, and flagging the side waks four feet wide, in South Second street between Coles street and Monmouth street, including the intersections."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge and Thompson.

" An ordinance to suppress vice and immorality," presented April 17, 1855.

Ald. Erwin moved to amend the 1st. section by inserting " spirit rapping, and table moving by the spirits or their subjects."

The motion to amend was rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Erwin, Wilson and Rappleyea.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

The ordinance was then passed without amendment by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Greene Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

"An ordinance further prescribing the duties of Street Commissioner" presented February 20, 1855.

The ordinance was amended, and as amended passed, by the following vote, the yeas and having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday the 26th instant at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Ald. Erwin the rule requiring a ballotting was suspended and John P. Masseker was viva-voce appointed a Constable from the Second ward.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the rule requiring a ballotting was suspended and Matthias Burbank was viva voce appointed Pound Keeper for the Fourth ward.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, his resolutions presented on the 12 h inst., providing for the appointment of a committee to prepare a new charter for the city, were taken up for consideration

On motion of Ald. Hill they were amended so as to provide for the calling of a public meeting in each ward by the Mayor, for the purpose of appointing two persons to act as members from such ward of the committee.

Pending the consideration of the resolutions;

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday June 26th, 1855, at 8 o'clock, p m.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrell and Wilson.

Absent.—Ald. Cobb and Thompson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 19th instant, were read and approved.

(Ald. Clarke obtained leave and retired)

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of Thomas Farley, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of James King for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Peter Wagner, for remission of a fine imposed upon him for peddling fish, fruit and vegetables without a license. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Remonstrance of John Babington and others against making the side walk on the South side of Railroad avenue six feet wide, and asking that it be made ten feet wide Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Thomas Lynch and others to have the side walk on south side of Railroad made six feet wide etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Mrs. E. Gautier and other ladies of Jersey City, to have a work house built in connection with the alms house.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution in relation to said petition :

Resolved, That the communication from Mrs. E. Gautier and other ladies of Jersey City, respecting a work house, be referred to a special committee of eight, composed of four aldermen, and four citizens, and that Ald. Lyman of the 1st. ward ; Ald. Edge of the 2d ward ; Ald. Insley of the 3d ward ; Ald. Tyrrell of the 4th ward, and Mr. D. S. Gregory from 1st ward ; Mr. J. Slater from 2d ward ; Mr J. G. McLaughlin from 3d ward, and Mr. Alexander Ramsay from the Fourth ward, be appointed as such committee, and they report to the common Council plans and probable cost of erecting said work house. The resolution was adopted.

(Ald. Davenport obtained leave and retired)

Memorial of Charles G. Sisson asking to have a nuisance abated in South Sixth street, east of and adjoining Erie street, affecting his property. Ref. to committee on streets with power to abate the nuisance.

Petition of J. D. Miller and Henry A. Boream, to have street lamps erected and lighted at the in ersections of Prospect street, with South Sixth, South Seventh, South Eighth and other streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of J. D. Miller, for leave until the 1st August next, to lay down at his own expense the side walks, &c., in Prospect street in front and adjoining his own property, agreeable to the ordinance passed in relation thereto. Prayer of petitioner granted, provided that the work be done under the direction of the committee on streets, and that a superintendent of the work be appointed by said committee.

Official bond of Lorenzo Jaquins as collector of Taxes. Ref. to corporation attorney for examination.

Petition of Michael Malone for permission to build a private sewer, at his own expense, from the corner of Mercer and Greene streets to the river, under the direction of the street commissioner. Permission granted to lay a drain of earthen pipe, provided it be completed by the 20th of July next.

Official bond of John P. Masseker as constable. Ref. to corporation attorney for examination.

Petition of Charles M. Holmes to have some means devised for the more speedy abatement of nuisances Ref. to committee on streets

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of W. H Wood, $5 and $10. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Smith Mead, $3 and $5 94 ; and Michael Killen, $3. Ref to committee on streets.

Of Smith Mead, $14 51. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Capron & De Klyn, $82 38, returned by the committee on fire and water, and referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Of W. J. Stevens. $20 50; W. J. Stevens, $3; Pine and Hartshorn, $23 50; W. J. Stevens, $65 30; W. J. Stevens, $15 ; G. W. Romaine, $8 75 ; C. A. Tanner, $16 ; W. Whitley, $37 88 ; Kemp and Ward, $220 52; W. Whitley, $30 ; and R. S. Gillman, $3 50.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of Officers of Election in First ward. $37 50; A. T. Smith, $100 ; W. W. Lee, $3 55 ; Woolsey and Woolsey, $7 61 ; N. Turner, $1 ; R. B. Kashow, $27 61 and D. & A Mc I. Henderson, $8 50.

A requisition was presented from the Board of Education, for payment of claims of C. Sheppard & Co., $664 60, and J. N. Knight $107 27.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension of Jacob T. Beekman, a city watchman, on a charge preferred by the Captain of the watch, of being found asleep on his beat. Ref. to committee on watch.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department announcing the decease of Charles A. Grigliette, late a member of Engine Co. 4; the resignation of Michael H. Travis, from Engine Co. No. 4, and asking permission to transfer Selah Hill from Engine Co. No. 4 to Hose Co No. 1. Received, ordered filed, and permission to make transfer granted.

The City Clerk laid before the Board, a remonstrance, filed in his office on the 21st. inst., by Walter Lane and others against the confirmation of the assessment for the construction of the South 5th street sewer. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows :

By Ald. Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That the vote be reconsidered, by which was adopted on the 19th instant, a resolution referring to the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings with authority to contract,

the proposals for completing the carpenter's work of the Fourth ward public school house.

By consent of the Board Ald. Greene withdrew the resolution of the 19th instant.

By Ald. Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That tne proposal for completing the carpenters work of the Fourth ward public school house, signed by D. P. & G. W. Collins, presented by Ald Keeney, be rejected for the reason that it was not presented within the time prescribed in the published advertisement of the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings ; that the proposal to which no signature is attached be rejected for the reason that no name is signed to it ; and that his honor the Mayor and the City Clerk be requested to execute a contract on the part of the city, for the completion of said carpenters work, with William Powell, he being the lowest bidder who has presented a proposal conformably to the requirements of the advertisement for proposals for said contract.

By Ald. Tyrrell and adopted :

Resolved, That the chairman of the alms committee be authorized to purchase for the use of the alms house. one horse, one waggon, and one cart, also one waggon harness and one cart harness, at an expense not exceeding four hundred dollars.

By Ald. Lyman and adopted :

Resolved, That the city clerk is hereby instructed to cancel of record, the sales by the corporation of Jersey City, on the 1st July, 1853, of the lots sold in the names of J. Corrigan, Abijah Mann, and Charles Fink,for the assessment for earth filling on Bright street, between Grove and Barrow streets, said lots being Nos. 188, 160. 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 167, 168, 171. 172, 173, 174, and 175 Bright street, which were sold to the city treasurer, and are covered by the certiorari, which has been decided against the city by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

By Ald. Lyman.

Resolved, That the finance committee be authorized to issue proposals (as authorized by act of Legislature of 1854) for a loan twenty five thousand dollars for the erection of public buildings for the city, said loan to be secured by bonds of the city for sums of five hundred and one thousand dollars, each with coupons for interest attached payable half yearly in the City of New York, said bonds to be made payable on the first day of January, 1870, with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. Adopted.

Motions were made, and disposed of as follows :

By Ald. Tyrrell.

"That the committee on streets be empowered to cause the Public School House in the Fourth ward to be drained" Adopted.

By Ald. Greene.

"That the rule reqairing a balloting be suspended and that John D. Haight, be viva-voce appointed a member of the Board of Education from the First ward, in the place of Munroe Howell, who has failed to qualify, and that Thomas T. Lacy, be appointed a member of the Board of Education, from the same ward, in the place of Thomas M. Gopsill who has failed to qualify. Adopted.

By Ald Rappleyea and adopted;

"That the vote be reconsidered by which were adopted on the 12th instant, resolutions providing for the introduction of water into engine houseNo. 3."

By consent of the board, Ald Rappleyea then withdrew the resolutions.

By Ald Rappleyea and adopted :

"That the vote be reconsidered by which a resolution was adopted, on the 12th instant, providing for the enlargement of hose carriage house No. 4."

By consent of the board,Ald Rappleyea then withdrew the resolution.

The committee on watch, to whom was referred on the 1st May last, the charge against James McDonald, a city watchman, reported that Mr. McDonald admits the charge to be correct, and recommended that he be dismissed from the watch department. The report was received, and recommendation adopted.

(Ald. Erwin, Edge, and Insley obtained leave and retired)

By Ald. Hill.

"That the ordinance, laid upon the table on the 11th July 1854, concerning junk &c., be taken up for consideration." Adopted

The ordinance was rejected the following being the vote,the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Lyman.

Absent—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Insley and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the Board then adjourned

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, Tuesday, July 3d, 1855, at eight o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Aldermen Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

On motion of Ald. Wilson, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting, held on the 25th ultimo, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Memorial of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad Company, in relation to their laying a track in the city. Ref. to a special committee consisting of Ald. Lyman, Edge, Rappleyea, Greene and Keeney.

Petition of John Beatty and others, for a license to John and James Hill to peddle sodawater, sarsaparilla, &c. Ref. to committee on police and licenses

Petition of William J. Holmes for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Thomas Gilroy for a license to buy and sell junk. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of John Smyth, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of William Taylor and others, in favor of the granting of a license to William & Chauncey B. Jaquins to sell ardent spirits. Laid upon the table.

Petition of John J. Wanner, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Matthew Somers, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Seth Billington, for remission of a fine of ten dollars imposed upon him by the Recorder.—Prayer of petitioner granted.

Petition of George W. Gardner and others, to have the side walk of Newark avenue, from Grove street to Monmouth street repaired and obstructions removed therefrom. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of H. M. Traphagen and others for permission to do at their own expense, but under the superintendence of the committee on streets the filling in &c, in front of their property in Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to the centre of North Third street. Ref to committee on streets.

Opinion of A. O. Zabriskie, Esq, as to the dedication of lots claimed to be owned by E. B. Wakeman.

Opinion received and ordered filed, and the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Ald. Davenport and adopted.

Whereas, resolution was passed by the Common Council, directing the committee on finance to employ A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., to investigate and advise the Common Corncil, whether the tract of land lying in the city, south of Grand street and North of the Morris Canal, between Henderson street and Kellog or Grove streets, belongs to the city by dedication from Cornelius Van Vorst, by map or conveyance made, or other acts done by him.

And whereas, A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., has made such investigation, and has reported to the Common Council as the result of his investigation, that so far as he has been able to learn, he has no hesitation in advising the Common Council that there is nothing on which to found a title in the city to this lot by dedication. And whereas, the city has heretofore made advances on the said property, for paying a certain assessment, or for redeeming the said property from a sale made for assessments.

Therefore, be it Resolved; That Mr. Wakeman the owner of the property, be requested to refund to the city, the money heretofore paid for assessments, or for the redemption of the property with interest.

Five remonstrances against the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of South Fifth street between Erie street and Newark avenue. Ref. to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of S. Billington, $3; Catharine Conners, $12; G. E. Cutter, $10; Drayton & Durant, $115 60; and $128 36; and G. S. Gardner, $156 39. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of R. S. Gillman, $3. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of Smith Mead and others, $32 50; and Charles A. Tanner, $9 75. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Levi W. Towle, $2; and W. Powers, $3. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of A. O. Zabriskie, $90; and W. H. Wood, $30. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of H. Billingsley, $26; H. A. Miller & Co, 116 32; J. F. Richardson, $3 50; and $31. Ref. to committee on lamps.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 26th ultimo, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, June 25, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council: I return without my approval "An ordinance defining the duties and prescribing the compensation of the city surveyors."

While I cheerfully agree with your honorable body, in the propriety of prescribing accurately the duties of the city surveyors, and fixing their compensation in the manner required by the Charter, I cannot concur in some of the provisions of the ordinance before me.

The Charter requires that the compensation of all city officers both elected and appointed shall be fixed by general ordinance, therefore the compensation of the city surveyors should be fixed and inserted in the general salary ordinance now upon your table, which will establish the compensation of every other city officer whose duty has been prescribed by ordinance since the adoption of the present charter.

Apart from this objection, it may not be inappropriate to call your attention to second section of the ordinance which provides that the compensation of the city surveyors, for making surveys, maps and calculations for assessments for regulating streets, shall be a certain amount per lineal foot, and for making surveys, maps and calculations on assessments for filling sunken lots to the grade or otherwise, forty cents per one hundred feet, but does not define whether it is the lineal foot of the lots grant-

ing on the streets, cubic or superficial measurement. If the intention is forty cents per hundred lineal feet the compensation is entirely too small. If forty cents superficial measurement then in my judgment it is too large, it would amount to ten dollars per lot or three hundred and twenty dollars per block, of ordinary size. The area of whole blocks on the low or flat ground, will continue to be submerged whenever the streets are brought to the grade without providing necessary drains or sewers to carry off the surface water—all such blocks will have to be filled and refilled until they are elevated above the level of the streets, and of course surveyed again and again, in order to assess the costs of such work—a single survey and calculation for filling a block in some sections of the city would cost more than the original cost of the lots on such block. The critical situation of these lots are such that they will constantly require the professional services of a city surveyor to keep them up and in healthy condition.

There is another objection to the second section of the ordinance before me, which empowers the committee on public grounds and buildings, or the com. on streets to employ any city surveyor they may elect, (irrespective of the wishes of the Mayor and Common Council) to draw the plans, specifications, &c., for any public building to be hereafter erected, and for which services the surveyor is to receive as a compensation three per cent on the amount of the contract, and the Common Council cannot remove such surveyor in case of incapacity or unfaithfulness without paying him the percentage above named. In my judgment such a power should never be delegated to any committee by ordinance, but reserved by the Common Council to be directed under the authority of a resolution, whenever the services of a surveyor or superintendant is required, in the laying out of public grounds, or in the erection of public buildings.

There is still another objection to the ordinance which in my judgment should be fatal, that is, it does not require that all buildings hereafter to be erected on the line of the streets shall be located by a city surveyor, nor does it throw any protection or security around private citizens against erroneous surveys, improper location of buildings, or exorbitant fees.

Under these circumstances I return the ordinance for reconsideration. D S. MANNERS.

Ald. Hill moved "That the ordinance do now pass, notwitstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

Ald. Insley moved to lay Ald. Hill's motion on the table.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Wilson, Rappleyea and Erwin:

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 3d instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 3d, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council: I herewith return without my sanction an ordinance "entitled an ordinance further prescribing the duties of street commissioner."

The first section of the ordinance subjects every owner or person having charge of any article or thing which shall encumber or obstruct any street, sidewalk, gutter, wharf or pier or public grounds, to pay a penalty of five dollars, if the same is not removed within four hours after notice from the street commissioner.

The second section says, the street commissioner is hereby authorized, with the concurrence of the committee on streets, *whenever he shall deem it proper so to do* to notify the owner or owners or person or persons having charge of any of the articles or fixtures hereinafter mentioned, to alter or remove any step-stones used for entering carriages, or intended so to be, any railing or fence, any sign post, any area, bow window or other window, porch, cellar, door, platform, stoop or step, or any other thing which may encumber or obstruct any street or sidewalk within such time, as shall, to said street commissioner and street committee seem reasonable and proper, and if the same is or are not altered or removed within the time mentioned in such notice, the owner or owners or person or persons having charge thereof shall be liable severally and respectively pay the penalty of five dollars.

The third section directs that the notices mentioned in either of the preceding sections shall be in writing and may be served personally or by posting them on such encumbrances, and they shall be held good and sufficient notice, for the space of one year after the same shall be served.

The fourth section directs that the occupant or owner having charge of any house or vacant lot that may be curbed or flagged, shall within six hours after every fall of snow or hail or rain which shall freeze on the side walk or gutter, cause the same to be entirely removed within said time, without notice, under the penalty of five dollars.

The fifth section directs that in case the snow, rain or hail shall so congeal that it cannot be removed, then in such case it must be salted or ashed within six hours after its fall under the penalty of of three dollars.

The seventh section repeals all ordinances and parts of ordinances conflicting or inconsistent with this.

On examination I find the ordinance before me, conflicts with the provisions of several of the ordinances now in force, and particularly with the ordinance entitled an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a superintendant of ferries, wharves and piers, to prescribe his powers and duties, and regulate the use of docks, wharfs, piers, &c, which places all the wharves and piers, under the care and direction of the superintendant and wharfinger, it also provides that twenty-four hours notice must be given by said officers for the removal of any encumbrance and in case of neglect or refusal to remove the same within said time, then the wharfinger under the direction of the superintendant is to remove such encumbrannce at the expense of the

owner to some suitable place to be disposed of in the manner provided by the ordinance.

The ordinance further provides that if any article, goods or chattels shall remain on any wharf or pier a longer time than twenty-four hours, the wharfinger may demand and receive from the owner a sum equal to double the daily wharfage of the vessel from which the cargo was landed, and in other cases under that ordinance the penalty or forfeiture is ten dollars for every day such encumbrance shall remain on any wharf or pier. It will therefore be observed, that the first section of the ordinance under consideration, comes in direct conflict with important provisions of the ordinance above quoted, which imposes a penalty of five dollars on every person having charge of any article or thing on any wharf or pier after four hours notice from the street commissioner.

The second section confers an arbitrary and extraordinary power upon the street commissioner, and the committee on streets, which in my judgment is dangerous and should never be delegated to any committee or officer of the city. It abrogates the ordinance under which all stoops, steps, platforms, areas, railings, fences, porches, awnings, &c., extending into the streets, have been constructed and erected, and places the law for their regulation in the street commissioners head. It directs "whenever he shall deem it proper so to do" with the concurrence of the committee on streets, that he shall notify the owner or person having charge of any of the articles or fixtures above named, to alter or remove them, and in case they are not altered or removed within the time mentioned in his said notice, the person or persons having charge of them, shall be liable severally and respectively to pay the penalty of five dollars.

By the fifth and sixth section of the ordinance every owner or occupant of a house or vacant lot that may be curbed or flagged is compelled within six hours after the fall of every rain, snow or hail that may freeze on the side walks or in the gutters, to remove the same or cover it with sand, salt or ashes under the penalties imposed by said sections, there is no discretionary power given the owner or occupant is not allowed even daylight, in all cases to remove the encumbrance; the snow, rain or hail may perhaps cease to fall at 10 or 12 o'clock at night, and if not removed entirely from the side walks and gutters within six hours thereafter, such owner or occupant is declared a law-breaker, and liable to the penalties imposed by these sections; such a law in my judgment is unwise and unjust---While I concur in the propriety of adopting an ordinance for the better regulation of our streets and the speedy removal of all unnecessary encumbrances therefrom, I cannot consent to lend my sanction to a law that might be used by some unscrupulous officer for sinster and selfish purposes.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Hill moved "That the ordinance do now pass, notwitstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor"

Ald. Insley moved to lay Ald Hill's motion on the table.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Insley and Edge.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley and Keeney.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

Ald. Hill's motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

Communication from the Comptroller respecting outstanding claims on his books against the Water Commissioners and I. S. Miller late City Treasurer. Presented and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Report from Corporation Attorney, that he has examined the official bond referred to him on the 26th ult. of John P. Masseker, Constable and finds the same to be irregular, and submitting a new bond of the same party approved by him as Corporation Attorney. First bond ordered to be returned and the new one approved and ordered filed.

Report from Corporation Attorney, that he has examined the official bond, referred to him on the 26th ultimo of Lorenzo Jaquins as Collector of taxes, and finds the same to be incorrect, and submitting a new bond regularly drawn and executed by said Lorenzo Jaquins as such collector of taxes, and approved by the Corporation Attorney. First bond to be returned, and the new one approved and ordered filed.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation notices.—viz.

"Confirmation of assessment for regulatig South Fifth street from Erie street to Newark avenue."

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating Van Vorst street from Grand street to Gregory street."

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating Prospect street from Bay street to Pavonia avenue."

"Application to have Mercer street from Washington street to Warren street, paved, and the necessary cross walks laid." Reports received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the election of A. Hevron and Louis Thieleman, as members of Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; the resignations of James O'Connor and Patrick Hurley from Engine Co. No 2; and asking permission to transfer A. B. Reynolds and John H. Hardy from Engine Co. No. 3, to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.—Communications received and ordered filed; the elections approved, and permission to make the transfer granted.

Communication from the Captain of the city watch stating that there is a vacancy in the watch department from the Fourth ward, occasioned by the removal from the city of John Van Pelt, city watchman. Presented and laid upon the table.

The joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings; presented contracts executed by Wm. Powell, to do extra work on the Fourth ward public school house, and submitted the followiug resolution:

Resolved. That the contract entered into with Wm. Powell, for extra work on the Fourth ward public school house be approved of, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to execute the same on

the part of the city. The resolvtion was adopted.

The committee on streets presented five sealed proposals received by them for the contract to fill in the sunken lots in Bright street, one hundred feet west of Barrow street. The proposals were opened, and found to be from James F. Fielder & Co., W. A. Comming, P. McPharlin, Charlis A. Tanner and Charles G. Sisson, and on motion of Ald Hill, it was

Resolved, That the committee on streets be empowered to contract with James F Fielder &Co., for the filling in of sunken lots in Bright street, one hundred feet west of Barrow street, they being the lowest bidder for the contract, and that contracts be executed on the part of the city by his honor the Mayor and the city clerk, under the seal of the city.

The committee on police and licenses returned the petition referred to them on the 19th ultimo, of C. Rawson to have a regular route assigned for his omnibusses, and said petition was referred to his honor the Mayor.

The committee on police and licenses, to whom were referred on the 19th and 26th ultimo, petitions of Benjamine Peterson, Thomas Farley and James King, for licenses to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables reported in favor of granting said licenses.

Reports received, and the licenses ordered to be issued.

The committee on watch, to whom was referred on the 26th ultimo, a charge against Jacob T. Beekman, a city watchman, reported that they find the charge partly sustained, but in consideration of his past good conduct and faithful attention to duty, recommend that he be reinstated in his position as a member of the watch department.

Report received and recommendation adopted.

The committee on public health to whom were referred on the 19th ultimo, the communication of R. S. Gillman, Street Commissioner, and the petition of Thomas S. Doremus and others, returned the same, and they were then referred to the joint committee on streets and public health with power to abate the nuisances complained of.

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinance, viz: "An ordinance to provide for paving Mercer street, including intersections, between Washington and Warren streets." Ordinance laid upon the table.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald. Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings be and are hereby empowered to have gas and water pipes and fixtures introduced into the Fourth ward public school house, also to have lightning rods put up on the same, provided the cost does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars

By Ald. Davenport

Resolved, That two per cent, be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating Van Vorst street from Grand street to Gregory street and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

By Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That one and one half per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating Prospect st., from Bay st. to Pavonia avenue, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

By Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate or Certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Chas. A. Tanner for six thousand five hundred and sixty 26 100 dols. being thebalance of his bill for regulating of Prospect st from Bay st. to Pavonia avenue, and that His Honor theMayor be requested to sign the same.and that the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge Erwin, Greene Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

By Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood, for four hundred dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating Prospect street, from Bay st. to Pavonia avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed so affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

By Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of D. Keenan, for seven hundred and nineteen dollars. 26-100 dols. being the balance of his bill for regulating Vanvorst st. from Grand st. to Gregory st, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb.

By Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for sixty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating Van Vorst st., from Grand st., to Gregory st., and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge. Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

By Ald. Davenport

Resolved That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Wm. Moore for twenty eight dollars 75 cents being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Van Vorst st. from Grand st. to Gregory st. and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge' Erwin Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb.

Motions were made and disposed of as follows:

By Ald, Rappleyea and adopted:

"That John Schofield's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be taken up for consideration."

By Ald Insley and rejected:

"That the application be referred to the committee on police and licenses."

By Ald. Insley:

"That the application be referred to a special committee."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Insley, Edge and Hoffman.

Yeas — Ald Davenport, Green, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb.

By Ald. Rappleyea.

"That John Schofield's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley, and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb.

(Ald. Davenport obtained leave and retired.)

By Ald Edge and adopted.

"That the application of Moses H. & Cotton W. Bean for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be taken up for consideration.

By Ald Insley.

"That the application be refrered to a special committee."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Lyman and Hill.

Yeas—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Clarke Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President, Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Insley:

Resolved, That it be not granted, because the sale of intoxicating drinks will not conduce to the public good.

Laid upon table, on motion of Ald. Wilson.

By Ald Insley.

Resolved, That this license be not granted inasmuch as the petitioner has been convicted of violating the city ordinance by selling intoxicating liquors without a license from this board.

The resolution was laid upon the table on motion of Ald Edge by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Insley, Edge and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald Rappleyea.

"That the application of Moses H. & Cotton W, Bean for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays.—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent.—The President and Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Erwin and adopted.

"That the application of Briggs & Wilson for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be taken up for consideration."

By Ald. Insley, and laid upon the table on motion of Ald. Erwin.

Resolved, That the petition be not granted inasmuch as the house is not intended for an Inn Tavern for the accommodation of travellers.

By. Ald. Erwin:

"That the application of Briggs & Wilson for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President, Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Greene:

"That the board do now adjourn."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Hill, Greene, and Insley.

Yeas—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald Hoffman and adopted.

"That the application of James Wilson for a tavern license be taken up for consideration."

By Ald Hoffman.

"That the application of James Wilson for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The Motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President, Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Wilson and adopted:

"That the application of John B. Rae for a tavern license, be taken up for consideration."

By Ald Insley:

Resolved, That it has cost this city about 25,000 dollars the past year, to maintain the alms house, the police, and the courts, institutions designed to punish and prevent crime,—nearly all of which was produced by the liquor traffic. In view of this alarming fact we cannot sanction the evil by granting this petition.

On motion of Ald Wilson, Ald Insley's resolution was laid upon the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Insley, Greene and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald Edge.

"That the application of John B. Rae for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene. Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Thompson and adopted:

"That the application of Mrs. Potter Browning for a license to keep an inn and tavern be taken up for consideration."

By Ald. Insley:

Resolved, That the petition be not granted, as it is not expedient for this board to be instrumental in degrading the female character by authorizing Mrs. Browning to continue in the rum traffic.

On motion of Ald Edge, Ald. Insley's resolution was laid upon the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Insley, Edge and Clarke.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President, Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Hill:

"That this board do now adjourn."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Greene and Hill.

Yeas—Ald. Greene, Hill and Insley.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Edge:

"That the application of Mrs. Potter Browning to keep an inn and tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney. Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene. Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald Rappleyea.

"That the application of Patrick Corrigan for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be taken up for consideration."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Hill, Insley and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald Insley.

Resolved, That the great mass of our citizens are opposed to the liquor traffic, and at their recent charter election returned the members to this board with the understanding that they would oppose the legalizing of the horrid trade, therefore the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

The resolution was laid upon the table, on motion of Ald Wilson by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Greene and Insley.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley, Lyman and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, Ald Cobb and Davenport

By Ald. Lyman:

"That this Board do now adjourn."

The motion was declared lost.

Ald. Greene, Hill and Insley called for the yeas and nays on the motion to adjourn.

The President. pro tempore, decided that the motion to adjourn having been decided by the chair lost, it was too late to call for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Greene appealed from the decision of the chair. The question being "will the Board sustain the decision of the Chair."

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Insley, Greene and Hill.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney. Lyman Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, and Insley.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

Ald. Tyrrell, President pro tempore not voting.

By Ald Rappleyea.

"That the application of Patrick Corrigan for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote,

the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

Ald Lyman moved "That the Board do now adjourn."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Lyman, Hill and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley, Lyman and Thompson.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Rappleyea and adopted. "That John Allen's application for a Tavern license be taken up for consideration.

By Ald Erwin. "That the application of John Allen for a license to keep an inn and tavern be granted.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley, and Lyman.

Absent—The President, Ald Cobb and Davenport

Ald Lyman moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

By Ald Wilson and adopted. "That John Wallace's application for a tavern license be taken up for consideration.

By Ald Insley, and laid upon the table on motion of Ald Wilson.

Resolved, That the petition be not granted, because his house is not required for the entertainment of travellers.

By Ald. Wilson:

"That the application of John Wallace for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern, be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President, Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Lyman, and rejected:

"That the ordinance fixing salaries be taken up for consideration."

By Ald Greene, "That this board do now adjourn"

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and Nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Greene. Hill and Lyman.

Yeas—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—The President. Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald Rapplyea and adopted. "That the application of Mr. Wm. L. Broking for a tavern license be taken up for consideration.

By Ald Rappleyea. "That the application of Wm. L. Broking for a license to keep an inn and tavern be granted.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb and Davenport

By Ald. Erwin, and adopted:

"That Thomas Baxter's application for a tavern license be taken up for consideration."

By Ald. Erwin:

"That the application of Thomas Baxter, for a license to keep an inn and tavern be granted."

Ald Thompson asked to be excused from voting on the motion.

Ald. Greene moved "That Ald. Thompson's request be granted."

Ald. Greene's motion was rejected.

Ald Erwin's motion to grant a Tavern license to Thomas Baxter was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman Keeney Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Greene, Hill, Insley, Lyman and Thompson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, July 10th, 1855, at 8 o'clock, P.M., called by His Honor the Mayor, at the request of Aldermen Wilson, Tyrrell, Thompson, and Erwin, for the purpose of receiving applications for licenses to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, and of acting on those and similar applications now on the table; of acting on applications now on the table for licenses to keep inns and taverns, and of considering those acted upon at the last meeting; and of receiving applications for the construction of sewers, drains and for the abatement of nuisances.

Present—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

The call of the meeting was read by the City Clerk

Petition of David Kemp and others, of Adam Craig and others, and of John Post and others, for the construction of a main sewer through Newark and Railroad avenues and Wayne street. Presented and refered to committee on sewers, the first Tuesday in August next, at 8 o'clock, P.M., appointed as the time for receiving objections to the improvement; the usual notice ordered to be published by the City Clerk, and a motion made by Ald. Davenport and adopted, requiring the applicants to deposit in the city treasury one hundred and fifty dollars to defray the preliminary expenses of said improvement.

On motion of Ald. Insley the vote was reconsidred, by which on the 3d instant, a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables was ordered to be issued to James King; the motion to grant the license was then withdrawn by Ald. Insley and on his motion leave was granted to the applicant to withdraw his petition.

A petition from James King to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables was presented, and a license ordered to be issued.

The committee on police and licenses returned the petitions of John Smith, and William J. Holmes, for licenses to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, and licenses were ordered to be issued.

The petitions of Michael Hagen, Peter Wagner and Patk. Maloney, for licenses to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, were taken up from the table, on motion of Ald. Insley, and licenses were ordered to be issued.

The petition of William Allen for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, was taken from the table, and ordered to be returned to him for correction.

On motion of Ald. Thompson it was

Resolved, That the vote be reconsidered, by which at the last meeting of the Common Council Thomas Baxter's application for a Tavern license was rejected.

Ald. Thompson moved "That Thomas Baxter's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President and Ald Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

Petitions for Tavern licenses, on the table, were taken up and disposed of as follows:

Application of John J. Wanner.

Ald Rappleyea moved "That the application of John J. Wanner for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Davenport, Greene, Insley, and Lyman.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

Application of William Moore.

Ald Rappleyea moved "That the application of William Moore for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas — Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Application of Charles Lowman.

Ald. Wilson moved, "That the application of Charles Lowman, for a license to keep an inn and tavern be granted."

Ald. Insley moved, "That the application be referred to a special committee for investigation."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Greene and Lyman.

Yeas—The President, Ald Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Ald. Davenport moved, "That the further consideration of the application be postponed for the present." The motion was lost.

Ald. Davenport moved, "That the consideration of the application be indefinitely postponed."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Davenport and Greene.

Yeas—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene, Insley, and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Ald. Davenport moved, "That the consideration of the application be postponed until the next regular meeting of Common Council."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Davenport, Insley and Greene.

Yeas—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

The motion to grant the license was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Application of John Smith.

Ald Insley moved "That it be referred to the committee on alms, that they may report the probable number of drunkards and paupers that will be made by the granting of this license; and who will become a public charge on the city, and also, if in their opinion it will be necessary to enlarge the alms house." The motion was lost.

Ald Tyrrell moved "That John Smith's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

Application of Patrick Martin.

Ald. Insley moved, "That the application be referred to a special committee.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Greene, and Lyman.

Yeas—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene, Insley, and Lyman.

Nays— Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Ald. Tyrrell moved, "That the application of Patrick Martin for a license to keep an inn and tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Application of Henry Merseles.

Ald Insley presented a remonstrance of James Lightbody, "against the granting of a license to the proprietor of the Woodcock Saloon, 100 Newark avenue, for the reason that he allows billiards to be played there on the Sabbath day."

Ald Davenport moved "That the application and the remonstrance be referred to a special committee."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Greene and Lyman.

Yeas—The President and Ald Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Erwin, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

Ald Tyrrell moved "That the committee shall consist of ten."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Wilson and Thompson.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, Ald. Davenport, Greene Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Hill.

Ald. Rappleyea moued, "That the appointment be by ballot. The motion was adopted.

Ald. Thompson and Clarke were appointed and acted as tellers.

A balloting was had with the following result, no election being had:

Ald. Davenport, received 1 vote; Ald. Lyman, received 2 votes; Ald. Tyrrell, received 7 votes; Ald. Rappleyea, received 2 votes; Ald. Thompson, received 2 votes.

Ald. Thompson moved, "To reconsider the vote by which it was ordered that the committee be appointed by ballot.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Greene and Tyrrell.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Insley and Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

The motion to appoint the committee by ballot was then withdrawn. The following were then appointed as the committee:

Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Application of William A. Crawford.

Ald Greene moved to refer the application to the special committee of ten. The motion was lost.

Ald Tyrrell moved "That William A. Crawford's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Davenport, Greene, Insley, and Lyman.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Hill.

Application of William Ewald.

Ald Tyrrell asked and obtained leave to withdraw the application for correction.

Application of Joseph S. Hencil.

Ald. Erwin asked and obtained leave to withdraw the application for correction.

Application of Owen McCue.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the application was referred to the committee of ten appointed at this meeting of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald. Greene it was

Resolved, That the remaining applications for tavern licenses on the table, be referred to the special committee of ten appointed at this meeting of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 17th, 1855, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of James Weldon for a license to drive a hand waggon for the purpose of gathering rags, bones, and old iron. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of David Scott to be appointed a City Auctioneer. Prayer of petitioner granted.

Petition of James W. Hall and others for the appointment of David Seaman as a Lamp Lighter. Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Charles J. Smith to have Harsimus street, from the east side of Grove street to the west side of Prospect st., filled to the established grade, etc. Referred to Committee on streets.

Remonstrance of Charles J. Smith against the passage of an ordinance to fill vacant lots in the block bounded by Railroad avenue, Warren, Steuben, and Prospect streets. Ref. to Joint Committee on Streets and Public Health.

Petition of Seth Billington in relation to the condition of a portion of South 8th street, etc. Laid upon the table.

Petition of James T. Barnes and Isaac Scoffield to have the privilege of curbing, guttering and flagging the south side of South 7th street, from the corner of Jersey avenue to the whole extent of their property. Ref. to Com. on Streets.

Petition of Charles G. Sisson and others for the abatement of a nuisance in South Third street, betweeu Erie street and Jersey avenue, caused by stagnant pools, etc. Ref. to Com. on Public Health.

Communication from Justus Slater declining to serve as a member of the Special Committee appointed to report plans for a City Work House. Received and ordered filed.

Petition from Quaife and Otley for permission to take from the City Clerk's office, for a few days, the Van Vorst Township Map, which they have been employed to make a copy of for the City. Permission granted.

Petition of Elison E. Duncan and others to have a lamp placed about the middle of the block in South Fifth street, between Erie street and Jersey avenue. Ref to Com. on Lamps.

Petition of William Gaul and others to have so much of the side walk on the south side of South First street, between Grove and Prospect streets, as is not already done, graded, etc. Ref. to Com. on Streets.

Communication from Cornelison & McKay and others in relation to the sunken lots in Grand street, in the rear of their property, etc. Ref. to Com. on Streets.

Petition of Thomas Gilroy for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to Com. on Police and Licenses.

Petition of Michael Kelly for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

The following applications for licenses to keep Inns and Taverns, were presented and laid upon the table.

Of John Higham, Owen MacSweeney, John Corrigan, George H. Dietz, Imbly C. Carter, Michael Doyle, Joseph S. Hencil, Thomas Corrigan, Robert Madigan, John Ditghen, John Corrigan, William Ewald, Ellen Kerns, Thomas Kelly, Michael McCune, Herman H. Linneman, Jacob Schmidt and James Lynch.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of N. Ellis, $37 75 ; R. B. Earle & Co., $3 75 ; C. J. Farley, $3 78 ; Day Policemen, $162 ; John Burke, $21 ; and W. W. Lee, $2 50. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of W. W. Lee, $25 09 ; Isaac Wakefield, $28 05 ; and W. W. Lee, $1 91. Ref to committee on lamps.

Of B. R. Wakeman, $3. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of R. S. Gillman, $4. Ref to committee on public health.

Of D. & A. Mc J. Henderson, $20. Ref. to joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings.

Of assessment for regulation of Van Vorst street from Grand street to Gregory street, $185 61 ; and Daily Telegraph, $126 25. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Hutton & Lacy, $14 75 ; J. O'Connell, $2 ; G. H. Bailey, $40 ; and D. & A. Mc J. Henderson, $17 32, and $14 44. Ref to committee on streets.

Of R. B. Earle & Co., $15 ; Thomas Howe, $18 22 ; F. Porrett, $52 03 ; J. C. Gas Light Co., $2 48 ; $4 93 ; $8 43 ; and $2 48 ; R. B. Earle & Co., $212 46 ; and $3 75. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of A. McMullin, $2 ; J. C. Gas Light Co., $0 61 ; B. R Wakeman, $28 38 ; and $11 ; R. B. Earle & Co., $6 63 ; and 87 cents ; and the American Pottery Manufacturing Co., $3 75.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 4th instant., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 4, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.—I return without my approval an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for filling in the South side of Railroad avenue, 19 feet wide and the curb and gutter to be set six feet from the South line of said avenue, and the side walk to be flagged four feet wide, from the intersection of Prospect st., to Warren st."

Since the ordinance has been officially before me, I have personally examined the premises in question, and concur with your honorable body in the necessity of having that part of the Avenue properly regulated and improved, but cannot agree in the propriety of limiting the width of the sidewalk to six feet, I am informed that a decided majority of the owners of lots on the line of this improvement remonstrate against so contracted a side walk. Any person that may hereafter build on the line of this Avenue would be entitled under the present ordinances regulating streets, to project his cellar door and stoop, from five to six feet on the side walk, which would obstruct and render the sidewalk propos ed comparatively useless. There should be at least three feet in the clear outside of the landing of any arching stoop that may be erected under the direction of the ordinance relating thereto. Besides in my judgment the sidewalk on this narrow avenue, will be more useful to the public, than the carriage way, for it will always be unsafe for carriages to pass and repass when the cars are in motion adjacent to this section of the avenue. With this view of the subject I return the ordinance without my signature for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Wilson moved "That the ordinance do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene,

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 5th instant, and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 5, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.—I return without my signature a resolution instructing the committee on finance to purchase for the city a copy of Messrs. Bacot & Wood's city map at a cost not to exceed fifty dollars.

Inasmuch as this map has not been properly examined, and accepted by the authorities and therefore not an authorized city map. I deem the expenditure premature and unnecessary. If, however, it could be made to answer for a general assessment map, and arrangements could be made with Messrs. Bacot & Wood to complete it for that purpose, with an uniform system of assessment numbers, which shall be adopted by the authorities such a measure would meet my hearty concurrence.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Wilson moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yea—Ald. Rappleyea.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport,

Edge, Irwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley; Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Greene.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 10th instant, and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 9, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.—The resolution passed by your honorable body on the 26th ult., authorising the street committee to drain the public school house in the 4th ward is herewith returned without my approval.

On the day the resolution under consideration was presented to me, and before I had time to examine into its merits, I had an interview with two of the committee having this matter in charge, and learned that it was the intention of the resolution, to construct a wooden sewer through a public street, with a public receiving basin at or near the corner of South 6th and Erie streets, and at the expense of the city, I at once doubted the propriety of such a course, and urged upon them the necessity of constructing the sewer according to law, and if all efforts had failed for a permanent sewer. to take immediate steps for the construction of a temporary sewer under the provisions of the recent act of the legislature, approved, March 29, 1855, and which provides in a summary manner for the construction of any temporary sewer or drain in any public street, lane, or alley in Jersey City, not in accordance with the general plan of sewerage. I was also induced to recommend this course, as I had been informed by parties, owning property on the line of the proposed drain, who had romonstrated against the permanent sewer, that they were willing to co-operate and be assessed for one constructed under the provisions of the act above referred to, and I cannot but believe that all good citizens would accord to the necessity of a sewer in this locality, to be constructed under the one law or the other, but I was gravely told that the sewer or drain would be immediately put under contract, regardless of my action on the resolution Now if resolutions are thus to be presented to the Mayor for the purpose of mockery, it is high time the public should know it. If the sacred provisions of the charter, our only security, are to be disregarded and trampled under foot by the representatives of the people, let it be so understood, you must all be aware gentlemen, that no resolution affecting the interests of the city, can become a law within ten days after it has been presented to the Mayor, unless approved by him, or passed by a two third vote of the Common Council notwithstanding his objections.

If the committee had awaited my action upon the resolution, and your honorable body had repassed it by a two-third vote, it would not have made it legal. The Common Council have no authority to construct a drain or sewer, in the manner proposed, in a public street, and it can only be necessary to refer you to the law upon the subject of sewerage, to convince you of the fact. By the act "to authorize the construction of works for supplying Jersey City and places adjacent, with pure and wholesome water," approved, March 25, 1852, the water commissioners were directed to decide upon, and recommend a suitable plan for a general system of sewers, for the district proposed to be supplied with water, for draining streets, houses, yards and markets, and submit such plan or system of sewers to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, for their consideration and approval; and if said plan shall be approved by them, no sewer shall be thereafter constructed in Jersey City except in conformity with said plan, and under the superintendence of said commissioners, and their engineer or inspector. The plan was accordingly prepared and submitted by the commissioners, adopted by the Common Council and approved, January 24, 1854.

It will thus be seen that the whole authority for the construction of sewers or drains, for the purpose of draining streets, houses, &c, is vested in the water commissioners.—The only power retained by the Mayor and Common Council, is to receive and decide on all applications for drains and sewers which is regulated by a general ordinance, approved, June 28, 1854. Even under the act of the legislature of last winter, the Mayor and Common Council are not authorized to make a temporary drain in any street without assessing the costs on the property benefitted in the same manner that the costs of permanent sewers shall be ascertained, and no such drain can be constructed to interfere with or obstruct the execution of the general plan of sewrage or its operations —which I assure you gentlemen, that I will cheerfully concur in any legal measure that may be taken to drain this portion of the city, I cannot consent to lend my sanction to any measure, no matter how important the object in view, that can only be carried into effect by a direct violation that law which I have sworn to maintain and support.

D. S. MANNERS

Ald Hill, moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objection of Hie Honor the Mayor."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman. Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 11th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of theCommon Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 10th, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council– I herewith return without my sanction a resolution endorsed on a memorial of Charles G. Sisson "That the memorial be referred to committee on streets with power to abate the nuisance."

The street committee has not the ability under the charter, to say what is a nuisance, nor to abate a nuisance when properly declared such, unless it is done in pursuance of law.

Mr. Sisson complains that by reason of the recent grading of the streets that the water accumulates near his premises, and sometimes inundates them, he does not ask to have his premises declared a nuisance, but asks your Honorable Body for a drain or sewer to carry off the surplus water. He also asks for damages sustained by reason of loss of rents and tenants to the amount of $800 occasioned as he avers by grading the streets and changing the natural flow of the water. There can be no doubt that Mr. Sisson has suffered a loss, and if he is entitled to damages on account of the authorities grading the streets without providing sewers or drains to carry off the surface water, then hundreds of our citizens will be entitled to similar damages, Mr. Sisson is a shrewd man, and has undoubtedly bought this property on low ground, because it was cheap, and with a full understanding that wherever the streets were brought to the grade he would be subject to the inconvenience complained of, unless the streets were previously sewered, now. if his property under the name of a nuisance, is to be drained at the public expense then every other citizen whose property is similarly situated should be entitled to the same privilege, but this can not be done by the resolution before me, it seems to imply, however, that an nuisance exists, but does not declare one, in the manner pointed out by the charter, which requires nine concurring votes and the approval of the Mayor, and every nusance must be declared and abated under the authority of an ordinance We have a general ordinance upon this subject by which nuisances are declared and abated in a very summary manner. You will therefore see the propriety of returning the resolution for reconsideration, as nothing can be legally done under it. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

On motion of Ald. Davenport, Ald. Hill's motion was laid upon the table.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 12th instant, and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 12, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.- 1 return without my signature a resolve endorsed on a memorial of Michael Mullone, "That the petitioner be permitted to lay an earthen pipe drain, provided it be completed by the 20th of July, 1855."

By the laws and ordinances now in force for the construc-

tion and regulation of Sewers and Drains in the public streets of the city, places this matter under the control and direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, and therefore is not a proper subject for me to review. No temporary drain can be constructed in any public street that will interfere with, or obstruct the execution of the general system of sewerage, or its operation. This is, in my judgment, a wise provision, for as the law now stands, a majority of the parties to be assessed for any sewer can always prevent its construction, and unless some stipulation is made with the parties who are permitted to construct private sewers, through the streets, they would very naturally remonstrate against any permanent sewer in the same locality, no matter how imperiously demanded by other parties, or public necessity, so long as the private sewer would serve their purposes.

Mr. Mullone can, no doubt, make arrangements with the Board of Water Commissioners, and construct the sewer under their direction, satisfactory to himself, and not inconsistant with the public interests.

I therefore return the resolution, not for the purpose of defeating the sewer, but to have it referred to and constructed under the direction of the proper authorities.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Edge moved "That the the resolution do now pass, notwitstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yea—Ald Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 16th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 14th 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council—I return without my approval a resolution granting a license to William L. Broking to keep an Inn and Tavern.

In returning this resolution, it perhaps may not be inappropriate to call your attention to the laws now in force, respecting Inns and Taverns. The charter confers power "To license Inns and Taverns under such regulations and penalties as the Common Council shall by ordinance impose. An ordinance has been adopted by the Common Council with reference to this subject, approved August 18th. 1853, which directs the form of application, with the proceedings thereon, and provides for the regulation of Inns and Taverns under certain restrictions and penalties. But within the charter, or the ordinance defines or directs which constituets an inn and tavern, we must therefore turn to the statute upon the subject for the definition of the term and under an act entitled "An act concerning inns and taverns," approved April 17, 1846, we find by the 1st, 2d,3d and 37th sections that any three or more judges of the inferior court of common pleas may at their discretion, grant licenses to persons to keep inns and taverns, to utter and sell victuals, and vinous and other strong liquors by less measure than a quart, for the accomodation of men, and provender for horses within their respective counties upon certain prescribed applications, which must be signed by at least twelve freeholders where the inn and tavern is proposed to be kept, who shall certify the same is necessary for the public good, and the person recommended by them to keep it, is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and has at least two spare beds more than is necessary for the family's use, and well provided with house room, stabling and provender, The 13th section of the act directs "that it shall be the duty of, and is expressly enjoined upon the said courts to license no more inns and taverns in their respective counties, than shall be necessary to accomodate and entertain travellers and strangers, to serve the public occasions of the said counties, and for the convenience of men meeting together to transant business; and to prevent as much as possible inns and taverns to be kept for the encouragement of gambling, tippling. drunkness, and other vices."

The 15th section of the act directs that the said court shall not grant a license to any shopkeeper, to keep an Inn and Tavern, neither shall any Inn and Tavern and shop for selling goods, wares and merchandize be kept in one house or under the same roof, expect in cities and towns corporate in this State, and in such case it expressly directs that if the Inn and Tavern and shop and store, is under the same roof, they shall be kept entirely distinct, and by different persons neither of whom shall have any interest in, or connection with the business of the other.

The 33d section of the act, "provides that nothing in this act contained shall be taken, deemed, or construed to alter, change or in any manner effect the rights, privileges, and immunities, given and granted by law to any city or town corporate in this State, relative to the licensing of Inns and Taverns within the respective cities and towns corporate, such cities and towns corporate, nevertheless, conforming to the directions, and being subject to the limitations, restrictions, and provisions herein contained, and given to the inferior Court of Common Pleas in the several counties of this State, except that the recommendation for a license in such cities or towns corporate, shall be signed by at least *ten respectable freeholders* residing therein."

It will thus be observed by the last quoted section, that the same directions, limitations and restrictions, given to court of Common Pleas, (except as to the recommendation of the freeholders) must govern the action of the Common Council with reference to the granting of licenses to keep Inns & Taverns, it is your duty then to decide upon the applications for Inns & Taverns in the city, in some manner as is required of the court of Common Pleas in granting similar licenses for the county.

It will be observed by the foregoing directions, it is not every person that has two spare beds, house room, stabling and provender for horses &c., and a proper certificate from 12 freeholders, is entitled to a license to keep an Inn & Tavern. It is your province to examine and canvass all the applications and grant such as in your discretion will conduce to the public good, and comes within the requirements of the law, this is a power conferred upon you by the charter, and tue ordinance under it above referred to. It is right that should be vested withdiscretionary power, for instance a Tavern is needed in a certain section of the city, and twelve freeholders should rightfully and in good faith petition for one, and at the same time another set of freeholders petitions for one next door, in like good faith, but entirely ignorant of the other petition, all admitting the necessity of but one in that locality, in such case, you certainly should use your discretion, and decide as to the merits of the houses and applicants, and grant but one. It is not for me to view the matter, as to the number of houses necessary to be licensed for the public good, but if on information of my own knowledge, a license should be granted in violation of law, it is my duty to return promptly every such resolution for reconsideration. I have thus adverted at some length to the laws that must govern our actions with reference to the granting of licenses to Inns and Taverns, not only as having a direct bearing on the resolution under consideration, but as a matter of reference in any similar case that may come up for your consideration.

It can only be necessary to state with reference to the resolution before me, granting a license to Wm. L. Broking to keep an Inn and Tavern, that I have examined the house occupied by him, and find that he not only has all the requirements of the law for an Inn and Tavern as set forth in his petition, but more than the laws allows, he has a store or shop in said house, which is directly forbid to be kept in an Inn and Tavern. by the 15th section of the act above quoted You will therefore see the propriety of returning the resolution without my signature. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Edge moved "That the resolution do now pass not withstanding the objectsons of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yea—Ald Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 16th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 16, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.—I return without my sanction a resolution adopted by your honorable body granting a license to James Wilson to keep an Inn and Tavern.

I have examined the premises occupied by Mr. Wilson, and am constrained to believe, that the rooms, and accommodations are insufficient to constitute an Inn and Tavern, under the requirements and meaning of the Statute. The part of the house occupied or intended to be occupied for this Inn and Tavern is certainly not calculated to accommodate any considerable arrival of "travellers and strangers," nor "to serve the convenience of men's meeting together to transact business." It would more properly be denominated an Oyster Saloon, with two spare beds, than an Inn and Tavern. If however, on a reconsideration you should deem my objections untenable, and repass the resolution, and thereby make it a law under the charter, I shall grant the license unhesitatingly. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Wilson moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor"

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Erwin and Rappleyea.

Nays.—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald, Greene.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 16th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 16, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.—I have received and herewith return, without my approval, a resolution adopted by your Honorable Body, "That the application of Patrick Corrigan for a License to keep an Inn and Tavern be granted."

You must all be aware that Mr. Corrigan is a Grocer, and sells goods and merchandize in the same house you have licensed him to keep as an Inn and Tavern.

This is clearly in violation of law, for both the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in their several counties, and the Corporate authorities of the respective cities of this State, are positively forbid licensing any person to keep an inn and tavern who shall keep a store or shop under the same roof, or sell goods, wares, etc., from the same premises.

You will find my reasons more fully set forth in the message transmitted to your Honorable Body returning the resolution granting a similar license to Wm. L. Broking, and which will apply with like force to this. I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Wilson moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yea and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yea—Ald. Rappleyea.

Nays—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Greene.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 16th inst, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Coucil.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 14, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.—I return a resolution granting a license to John Wallace to keep an Inn and Tavern without my approval.

My attention has been directed to the house occupied by Mr. Wallace, and have examined the premises, and do not believe that it comes within the meaning of the statute, my objections to the resolution in the case of Wm. L. Broking, will have a similar bearing on the one under consideration, and to which, I respectfully direct your attention. I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Cobb moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Erwin, Hoffman and Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Greene.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices—viz:

"Application to have Mercer street, between Washington and Greene streets, filled up to the proper grade and repaved."

"Application to have Wayne street, between Jersey street and Putnam street, curbed etc."

"Application to have the vacant lots in Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets filled up." Report received and ordered filed

A communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, stating that he has suspended Hose Company No. 1, and Engine Company No. 3, for rioting, fighting, &c., on Newark avenue, on the evening of the 16th instant, and recommending a thorough investigation of the matter by the Common Council. Ref. to a special committee consisting of Ald. Tyrrell, Insley and Clarke.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections:

Election of Cornelius Van Vorst and James Warner by Hose company No. 4; Edward Z. Copeland and Charles Fox by Engine company No. 1; John W. Mulford by Engine company No. 3, and Isaac Wakefield and Archibald K. Brown by Engine company No. 5.

Communications received and ordered filed, and the elections approved.

On motion of Ald. Lyman it was

Resolved, That Mr. J. B. Gaddes, be appointed a member of the special committee on City Workhouse in the place of Justice Slater, who has declined to serve.

The special committee to whom was referred on the 19th ultimo, the communication of J. V. Brower, complaining of the acts of the Jersey city Gas-light Company, presented a report recommending "That the city discontinue the use of gas in all places where they are now using it," "and to other consumers to do the same, until an arrangement can be entered into by which they can be furnished a good article on fair and reasonable terms.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "To receive the report and adopt its reccommendations."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Tyrrell and Lyman.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Hill, Insley, Lyman, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

On motion of Ald Davenport the vote was reconsidered by which Ald Tyrrell's motion was rejected.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the motion was amended so as to read "That the report be received and published," and as amended the motion of Ald. Tyrrell was adopted.

Ald. Lyman moved "That the recommendations be adopted."

At the request of Ald. Insley the question was divided and was put upon each reccommendation separately.

The first recommendation was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Lyman, Tyrrel and Edge.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Lyman, Tyrrell and Wilson

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Irwin, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

The second reecommendatinn was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Insley, Edge and Hoffman.

Yeas—Ald. Cobb, Hill, Insley, Lyman and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald Clarke. Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

Said report being as follows:

Jersey City, July 17, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council—Your committee who were appointed on the 19th of June, and to whom was referred the communication of Mr. J. *V.* Brower, relative to his grieveances by the Jersey City Gas Light Co., would respectfully report that upon an examination of papers touching this matter they find that in 1851, Mr. *V*an Cleve and associates acting for the Jersey City Gas Co., petitioned the Common Council for permission to open the streets for the purpose of laying down their pipes. Said application was referred to the committee on lamps, who reported favorably and their request was granted on condition that they agree to furnish our city and citizens with Gas of an equal quantity and at the same rate as was furnished by the Gas Co. of New York.

Upon this report and resolution the Jersey City Gas Co., proceeded with their works, and when completed commenced to furnish gas at $3 per thousand cubic feet, less five per cent for prompt payment within five days after presentation of bill. Under this arrangement as your committee are informed, our citizens believing that they were secure from imposition proceeded at a heavy expense to fit their house for the purpose of burning gas, and now that their arrangements are completed and after the company have been in operation for two years, they, without any just cause have raised the price of their gas to $3 50 per thousand feet, without discount, and subject to an additional of five per cent if the bill is not settled in five days.

In view of the above facts your committee would recommend that the city discontinue the use of gas in all places where they are now using it. And would also recommend to other consumers to do the same until an arrangement can be entered into by which they can be furnished a good article on fair and reasonable terms.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

S. R. TYRRELL,
H. E. INSLEY.

The joint committee on Schools and Public Grounds and Buildings, reported contracts with John Headden, for work on the Public school house in the fourth Ward. and said contracts were approved and ordered to be executed by His Honor the Mayor and by the City Clerk under the seal of the city.

The committee on streets reported as correct the claims of David Henderson for $1438 71 ; Bacot & Wood for $43, and William Moore, $16 25, and the same were referred to the committee on assessments.

The committee on finance reported adversely to payment of claim of David Smith, $109 99, for services as comptroller Report received and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on lamps submitted a proposition from R. and J. McLaughlin to furnish Gas-light posts for the city, and of the Jersey City Gas-light Company to furnish the city with gas.

Ald. Thompson moved, "That the committee on lamps be instructed to make an arrangement to carry out the propositions.

Ald Hill moved to amend the motion so as to read

"That the committee on lamps be instructed to advertise for proposals to erect gas-light lampposts, and to light the city with gas." The amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended was also adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to investigate the subject of the negligent and dangerous practice of the N. J. R. R. Company, in switching their cars at the junction of Greene and Mercer st.

Ald Rapplepea, Edge and Erwin were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for one thousand dollars, in favor of William Powell, for amount of just payment due to him as his contract for completing the Public School house in the Fourth ward.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the folling resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby empowered to purchase of Hiram Gilbert for the sum of one thousand dollars, parts of lots 22, 23 and 24 South 5th street, on block 127, said parts forming a piece of ground twenty-five feet wide by fifty-eight feet in depth, and are to be used for the erection of a house or houses for the fire department, provided that Mr. Gilbert will take a bond of the city in payment of the purcase money.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Hoffman

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, *H*ill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Insley, Lyman, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby empowered to purchase of Edward Coles, for the use of the Fire Department, for the sum of six hundred and forty-five dollars, a lot of ground on South 5th st., on Block 247, twenty-five feet wide by seventy-eight feet in depth, provided that Mr. Coles will receive the Bonds of the City in payment of the purchase money.

The resolution was lost.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel a warrant drawn on the City Treasurer for three hundred and seventy-three dollars and four cents, in favor of Dray'on & Durant, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Drayton and Durant for three hundred and fifteen dollars and four cents, being the correct amount due them.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to ascertain and report to this Common Council, where and at what price suitable lots can be obtained on which to erect a temporary City Hall and City Market.

The Resolution was adopted.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for fifty dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the committee on public grounds and buildings, as an additional appropriation for the expenses incurred in celebrating the Fourth of July.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Thompson and Erwin.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Insley, Lyman, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Greene.

Ald Lyman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to ascertain and report to this Board, whether any earth has been removed from the public Square in the 4th ward known as Hamilton Square, and if so by whom and by what authority. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Lyman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clork is hereby authorized to make out and deliver to S. P. Townsend or his agent, the necessary certificate to enable him to redeem lots 176 and 177, Bright street, sold on the first day of July, A.D., 1853, to the City Treasurer, for assessment for earth filling on Bright street, between Grove and Barrow streets, and that the City Treasurer, is hereby empowered on presentation of such certificate, countersigned by the Comptroller to receive the amount of redemption money for said lots. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Lyman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow for the use of the city, in anticipation of the taxes, on bonds of the city, payable six months after date at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent per annum, the sum of ten thousand dollars, in such amounts and at such times as the interests of the city may require, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue said bonds and affix the seal of the city thereto, upon requisition

of the finance committee not exceeding said sum of $10,000,

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas.—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin. Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman. Thompson. Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

Ald Lyman offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute under the corporate seal of the city, and deliver to purchasers at the tax sale of June 27, 1855, the necessary declarations of sale for the property purchased by them. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be authorized to purchase one thousand feet of hose for the use of the fire departmant, at a cost not to exceed eighty five cents per foot. The resoluion was adopted.

Ald Hoffman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no claim except for the salary of a city officer, or for the compensation of a lamp lighter, city watchman or a policeman, shall be received by the Common Council for auditing unless at the time of presentation of such claim, there shall be endorsed upon it an affidavit of the claimant that said claim is just and true, that the work has been performed or the materials furnished, that no bonus has been given or received by any person or persons with the knowledge of the claimant in connection with such claim, that it is in all respects a bona-fide and fair claim, and that the amount charged is a reasonable one. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hoffman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter, every person who may be employed by the common council or any committee thereof,to superintend any publicwork or improvement, shall be required, before entering upon the discharge of such duty, to take and subscribe before the Mayor or city clerk, and file in the city clerk's office on oath, such as is required of all city officers, faithfully,fairly and impartially, to perform the duty of the appointment, and also to give a bond in the penal sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, with two freeholders as suretics, residents of Jersey City, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such superintendent, said bond to be approved of by his honor the Mayor before the same shall be considered as accepted.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Thompson offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It has been currently reported, very much to the discredit of this body, that some of its members have been bribed to vote for licenses, and as the truth should be made known to the public,and the slander contradicted, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of *five* be appointed to investigate the matter and make a full report to this board.

The preamble and resolution were adopted, and Ald Thompson, Wilson, Insley, Davenport and Lyman were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Thursday the 19th instant at 8 o'clock P. M.

The following entitled ordinances were presented by Ald. Insley, and laid upon the table, viz :

"An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to omnibus and stage drivers, approved February 13th 1853," approved February 18th 1853."

"An Ordinance prescribing the powers and duties and regulating the compensation, of the measurer of grain and weighmaster."

Ald. Thompson moved, "That all action of this Common Council at its special meeting on the 10th instant, respecting Thomas Baxter's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be rescinded."

The motion was adopted by the following vote,the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Insley, Hill, and Cobb.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge. Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—Ald Greene.

On the motion of Ald. Thompson it was

Resolved, That the vote, be reconsidered by which on the 3d instant, Thomas Baxter's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern was refused.

The motion to grant the license was then rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman,Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Insley, Keeney and Lyman.

Absent—Ald Greene.

Ald Erwin moved "That all action by this Common Council at its special meeting on the 10th instant, respecting John J. Wanner's application for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern be rescinded."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Tyrrell, Hill and Insley.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport. Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Greene.

Requisitions were presented from the board of education for payment of the following claims, and warrants for the amounts were ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the claimants :

Of A. Anderson, $75 ; S. R. Tyrrell, $31 33 ; J. H. Smyth, $75 38 ; J. B. Dunn, $8 05 ; A. T. Smith, chairman of finance committee, $63 45.

The following claims were presented in the early part of this meeting, subsequently repotred correct and ordered paid :

Of J. N. Knight, $7 29 ; I. Wakefield, $5 17 ; Kemp & Ward, $135 81 ; N. Ellis, $87 50 ; J. B. Stone, $30 ; Day Policemen, $130 50 ; N. Ellis. $56 52 J. F. Richardson, $8 75 ; City Watchmen, $675 03 ; W. Roosevelt, $40 ; O. R. Dexter, $60 ; S. Randle, $49, and $61 13 ; S. Hetherington, $10, and W. Hanks, $31 41.

The following claims referred to committee at previous meetings of the board, were reported cor-

rect for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of. I. W. Scudder, $166 01; L. W. Towle, $2; W. Powers, $3; Boyes & Sharp, $45 76; Capron & De Klyn, $82 38; Smith Mead, $14 51; $5 94; $3; M. Kilen, $3; J. McDonald, $12 50; W. W. Lee, $25 73, McGuigan & Nugent, $3 75; $10 75; W. Eaton, $20 50; R. S. Gillman, $3; C. A. Tanner, $9 75; Laborers on Streets, $32 50; G. E. Cutter, $10.

Drayton & Durant, $128 36; $115 60; G. S. Gardner, $155 89; Catharine Connors, $12; H. Billingsley, $26; S. Billington, $3; J. F. Richardson, $3 50; J. F. Richardson, $31; Daily Telegraph, $171 75; H. A. Miller & Co., $116 32; and W. H. Wood, $30, $5, and $5.

On motion of Ald Erwin it was

Resolved. That the Board proceed to the appointment of a Policeman from the 2d ward.

Ballotings were had with the following result.—Ald Davenport and Insley acting as tellers.

1st ballotting—

Edward Mortimer received 7 votes.

Stephen W. Treadwell received 5 votes.

Thomas Herrington received 3 votes.

2d ballotting—

Stephen W. Treadwell received 7 votes.

Edward Mortimer received 7 votes.

Hill received 1 vote.

3d ballotting—

Stephen W. Treadwell received 8 votes.

Edward Mortimer received 6 votes.

Keeney received one vote.

4th ballotting—

Stephen W. Treadwell received 9 votes.

Edward Mortimer received 6 votes.

Whereupon Stephen W. Treadwell was declared appointed.

On motion of Ald Wilson the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Thursday, July 19, 1855, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene, Hill and Insley.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Davenport was appointed President, pro tem.

A petition was presented from John Van Vorst, and others for permission to pave, &c, South Third street, between Grove and Prospect streets, at their own costs and charges, under the direction and control of the committee on streets, &c. Ref. to com. on streets.

Petition of Thomas Baxter, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern. Presented and laid upon the table.

A claim of the Hudson county Mutual Insurance Company, $50, was presented and referred to the com. on public grounds and buildings.

A claim of Doctor D. L. Reeve, for $41 67, was presented and referred to the com. on salaries, offices and elections.

A claim of Overbaugh & Randall for $26 88, was presented and referred to the committee on fire and water.

A Claim of R. S. Gillman for $175, was presented referred to the committee on salaries, offices, and elections, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the ordinance presented on the 19th ultimo, entitled "An Ordinance fixing salaries," was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended, and then laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That when this board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the common council chamber, on Tuesday the 24th instant, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

GEO. W CASSEDY, City Clerk.

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held at the Common Council Chamber, July 24th, 1855.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Lyman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney and Rappleyea.

The President being absent, on motion of Ald. Erwin, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President, *pro tem.*

The City Clerk being absent, on motion of Ald. Thompson, Ald. Davenport was appointed City Clerk *pro tem.*

The following petitions for licenses to keep Inns and Taverns were received and laid upon the table.

Patrick Corrigan to keep an Inn and Tavern, corner of Newark avenue and Barrow street.

Christian Cassilmann, to keep an Inn and Tavern in Newark avenue near South Seventh street.

A petition from Dominick Mayer and some other barbers, asking for the privilege of following their business until 10 o'clock on the christian Sabbath, was referred to a special committee of three, composed of Ald. Thompson, Clarke and Davenport.

Statement and affidavit of Mathias Burbank, Pound master in the 4th ward. was referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Report from Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, of the election of George Woodhead and Charles Blackhurst as members of Diligent Hose Co. No. 3, and of Oram Warren as member of Americus Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, was received, ordered filed in the Clerk's office, and Clerk directed to enroll their names on the books of the Fire Department, and issue certificates therefor.

The following claims and accounts were presented and referred as follows:

Claim of F. Anness, $20 32, referred to the committee on fire and water.

Claim of H. A. Miller & Co, for camphene etc., $134 19. Ref. to the committee on lamps.

Claim of Daily Telegraph, for $112 50, being quarters salary, was referred to the committee on salaries, officers and elections, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

The special committee appointed July 17, to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the sus-

pension of Hose Co. No. 1 and Engine Co. No. 3, reported they had investigated the case, and recommended that the companies be permitted to resume their apparatus, and that Frederick Farrier, Robert, Kirk, Wm. Rowelson, and Cornelius Duncan be suspended for 30 days. They further recommend that the committee on police be directed to arrest all boys found running with the fire apparatus; the report was received, and recommendation adopted.

The committee on police and licenses reported in favor of granting licenses to peddle fruit, fish, and vegetables to the following persons:—Thos. Gillroy and Michael Kelly.

On motion of Ald Lyman the rules were suspended, and the tax ordinance was taken from the table, and considered, and amended, and

On motion of Ald Thompson it was again laid upon the table.

Requisitions amounting to $2200, were received from the Board of Education, being the amount of teachers salaries, due August 1st, and warrants were ordered to be drawn for the amount.

On motion of Ald Erwin, a warrant was ordered in favor of Wm. Powers, on account of his contract for building public school house in 4th ward.

On motion of Ald Lyman, the vote by which the bill of Daily Telegraph for $386 75 was ordered paid, was reconsidered.

Claim of Dr. Keen, presented July 19th, for $44 67, being quarters salary as City Physician, was reported correct and ordered paid.

On motion of Ald Lyman it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn it adjourns to meet at the Common Council Chamber next Tuesday evening.

On motion of Ald Wilson the Board then adjourned. J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro-tem.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council held at the Common Council Chamber July 31, 1855.

Present—The President, Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene, Insley, Lyman, and Rappleyea.

Subsequently Ald. Insley, appeared and took his seat.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 17th and the adjourned meetings of July 19th and July 24th were read, amended, and approved.

The following petitions and communications were presented and referred as follows:

Petition of Jane McLeod for abatement of her assessment on South 5th street was referred to committee on streets.

Petition of G. H. Deitz for the privilege to sell liquor. Laid on the table.

Official bond of David Scott as Auctioneer. Ref. to City Attorney.

Petition of J. G. McLaughlin for receiving basin in Grove street. Referred to committee on sewers.

Communication of C. Fink, respecting the sewer in Grove street. Ref. to the committee on sewers with power.

Communication from E. Marsh Esq., President of Morris Canal. Ref, to the committee on sewers with power.

Communication from Jas. D. Lawrence and others respecting a nuisance, also asking for a lamp in Varick street, the part relating to nuisance was ref. to the joint committee on streets and public health, the part asking for a lamp was referred to the committee on lamps.

A communication from the Street Commissioner respecting nuisances was referred to the joint committee on streets and public health.

Report of the Chief of Police for the month, ending July 21st, 1855, was received, read, ordered published with the minutes of the proceedings of the Common Council, and filed in the City Clerk's office.

To the Honorable the Common Council of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—In compliance with instructions of the committee on Police and Licenses, Dated June 19th, 1855, directing me to put the day Police on constant duty, and report monthly the services rendered by each man, I hereby submit the following

REPORT.

There have been made during the month, ending July 21st, 83 arrests for offenses as foliows, viz:

Assault and Battery,	10.
Larceny,	11.
Drunkenness,	17.
Committing Nuisance,	2.
Obtaining Goods under false pretenses,	2.
Vagrancy,	4.
Disorderly Conduct,	14.
Misusing Family,	6.
Insulting Females,	3.
Disturbing Religious Worship,	1.
Assaulting Officers,	2.
Drunk and Fighting,	9.
Attempt to commit Rape,	1.
Picking Pockets,	1.
	83.

Of these 19 were fined, 12 sent to County Jail, 41 to the City Prison, 5 gave bail, 1 was ordered to leave the city, 3 were discharged, 1 escaped, and 1 was sent to the Alms House. Total 83.

The arrests were made by the officer as follows, viz:

By Fairbanks,	16.
" Wallace,	7.
" Babington,	6.
" Travers,	18.
" Ayres,	9.
" Kittle,	5.
" Clarke,	8.
" Chief,	14.
	83.

There have been within the month fifty-nine (59) complaints of violation of city ordinances, fifty-six (56) of which were for violations of the ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, two (2) of ordinance to regulate peddling fish, vegetables etc., and one (1) for discharging fire arms.

The following is the result of the prosecutions:

Convictions,	44.
Acquittals,	7.
Shut up shop and ran away,	2.
Witness ran away,	1.
Causes yet to be tried,	5.
	59.

The complaints were made by the following officers, Fairbanks 10, Wallace 1, Babington 2, Ayres 8, Travers 21, Kittle 8, Clarke 1, and Chief 8. Total 59.

It is proper for me to state that officers Ayres and Travers have worked together.

There have been seventy eight (78) complaints made of violations of the Sunday statutes made by the officers in the wards where the violations took place.

There have been during the month collected as fines $712, besides costs of which $595, belongs to the City Treasury and $117 belongs to the County being for violations of statutes.

Some 25 or 30 places where intoxicating liquors were sold in vilation of the law have discontinued the business 13 of which are in the 3rd Ward. In the other Wards I am not aware of the exact number.

There have been several arrests and searches made by the officers under State Warrants of which I have no accurate account.

I believe this is the sum total of the transactions of this Department for the month ending July 21st 1855.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES J. FARLEY, Chief of Police.

Petition of Wm. Conleys for a license for an Inn and Tavern, on the corner of Newark avenue and South Ninth street was laid on the table

The following claims and accounts were presented and referred as follows :

J. F. Richardson, $33 25 ; W. A. Miller, $123 80; Wm. Eaton, $20 50. Ref. to the committee on lamps.

Claim of M. Burbank $40, referred to committee on finance.

Claim of H. Billingsby $26, referred to the committee on lamps.

The following claims were presented, and referred to the appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Claim of H. A. Miller & Co., $7 38 ; J. Wakefield, $8 ; Kemp & Ward, $88 69.

The following claims were referred to the committee on alms :

Claim of Wm. Whitley, $20 23; Wm. Whitley, $17 69

The following were referred to the committee on fire and water :

Claim of H. A. Miller & Co., $3 22; H. A. Miller & Co., $7 30; H A. Miller & Co, $20 85; H. A. Miller & Co, $4 78.

The following message from his honor the Mayor filed in the city clerk's office, July 28th, 1855, was received, read, and ordered entered at large in the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 27, 1855

Gentlemen of the Common Council—I return without my approval a resolution granting a license to John G. Wanner, to keep an Inn and Tavern.

The resolution before me was adopted at a special meeting of your Honorable Body, and prior to the first regular or stated meeting, after Mr. Warner had presented his application for a license. To convince you that your proceedings upon this application are irregular and illegal, it can only be necessary to direct your attention to the second section of the ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, approved August 18, 1855, which says : " *No license* to keep an Inn and Tavern *shall be granted until the next stated meeting of the Common Council after the application is received.*"

You will therefore see the necessity of returning the resolution without my signature.

D S. MANNERS.

Ald. Insley moved the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken :

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene, Lyman and Rappleyea.

The city clerk presented contracts, executed by John Headden, for finishing public school house in the 4th ward, which were ordered filed in the city clerk's office.

The city clerk presented an estimate from W. H. Wood, city surveyor, of the expense of grading Hamilton Square, amounting to $10,174 87, which was laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets and public health, reported a communication from the street commissioner respecting nuisances, in sunken lots, referred to them July 3d, that they had examined the premises referred to, and would recommend said lots be declared nuisances, and the same be abated, by filling them in two feet with good, clean sand, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all the sunken lots, on blocks nos. 48, 50, and 53 north of Railroad avenue, east of Prospect st, south of Morgan st and west of Warren st. Also lots on block 69 in the 3d Ward be, and, are hereby declared a nuisance, and that said sunken lots be filled in to the depth of two feet, and that all necessary drains of plank or otherwise be made to take off the surplus water.

The report was received, and recommendation, and resolution was adopted, by the following vote the yeas and nays being ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Green, Edge, Lyman, and Rappleyea.

A report, signed by two members of the special committee of three, to whom was referred the communication from the barbers asking the privilege of working at their business until 10 o'clock on Sunday, was presented, reccommending the request of the petitioners be granted.

The report was recived, and the recommendation declared out of order.

The committee on assesment presented the assessment map for the regulating of Mercer street, from Washington street to Warren street, the map was ordered filed in the City Clerk's office, and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Assessors' Report and Map for regulating Mercer street from Washington street to Warren street is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 23 Montgomery street

and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in August at 8 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The committee on sewers reported on the remonstrances against the main sewer and tributaries in South Fifth st. the report was received and ordered filed. The same committee also reported in relation to stagnant water at the junction of South 6th st and Erie st. that the nuisance would be abated by the regulating of the street, which was about being done.

Report recceived and ordered filed.

A petition from Chas. G. Sisson and others, for the abatement of nuisance in South 3d st, which was presented, and referred to the Committee on Health, on the 17th of July, was returned by the committee, who verbally reported the nuisance will be abated by the regulating of the street.

The following claims having been previously referred to their appropriate committees, were reported correct for the following amounts and ordered paid:

E Randall,	bill for	$50,	reported correct for	$5 00
J V Brower,	do.	50,	do.	5 00
S. Quaife,	do.	50,	do.	5 00
S. Quaife,	do.	75,	do.	70 00
R. S. Gillman,			do.	4 00
Wm. W Lee,			do.	1 91
W. W. Lee,			do.	25 09
Wm. Whitley,			do.	125 00
Isaac Wakefield.			do.	28 00
Day Police,			do.	162 00
Daily Telegraph,	bill for	$386 75,	do.	374 42
C. J. Farley,			do.	3 78
John Burke,			do.	21 00
N. Ellis,			do.	37 75
B. R. Wakeman,			do.	3 00

The following claim presented this evening, reported to the Committee on Public Health, and afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

R. S. Gillman, for removing dead carcases $1.

Ald. Thompson reported an ordinance entitled An Ordinance to amend an ordinance regulating closing of Barber Shops on the Sabbath, which was laid on the table.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale of the property belonging to the New Jersey Railroad and Trans. Co., which was sold on the 27th July, inst., for Taxes, be and is hereby cancelled as their property is exempt from County Tax.

Ald. Erwin moved to reconsider the vote by which the following resolution offered by Ald. Hill, July 17, was lost.

Resolved, That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

The motion was lost.

Ald. Erwin moved the fine of Sarah Denham be remitted, and she be discharged from the City Prison. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Wilson, the Board then adjourned.

JAS. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk, *pro tem.*

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, August 7, 1855. at 8 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney.Lyman, Rappleyea,Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Ald. Erwin was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent the President and Ald Greene.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Ald. Tyrrell, Ald. Davenport was appointed President, pro tempore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of John Gray for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Petition of Patrick Corrigan for a License to keep an Inn and Tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Isaac Machin and others to have Rail Road Avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets, filled. etc. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Petition of G. H. Deitz for the privilege of selling liquor.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "That the petition be referred to the Special Committee of ten on the subject of Tavern Licenses, appointed on the 10th ultimo."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Rappleyea and Insley.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley and Lyman.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Erwin and Greene.

Petition of Thomas Kelly and others to have Monmouth street, between the northerly side of South Second street and South Eighth street, regulated, etc. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Petition of George Ogden and others for alteration in the grade of a portion of Jersey Avenue. Ref to Committee on streets, and the third Tuesday in August, inst., appointed as the time of receiving objections, and the City Clerk directed to publish the usual notice.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Bacot & Wood $700; J. F. Fielder, $23,435 93; F Harter $3; and Smith Mead $1 68. Ref to com. on streets.

Of W. M. Abbay $39 75; and G. E Cutter $11 50. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of W. Eaton, $20 50; Isaac Wakefield, $27 74; and H. Billingsly $26. Ref. to com on lamps

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of A C Dennis, $17 69; J B Haight $18; James Wiley, $2; G W Whitley $20 23; E Hope, Jr. $14; John Headden, $100; Fidelity Division, $37 50; City Watchmen, $674 18; Jasper Wandle, $62 50; D. Bedford, $25; N Ellis, 63 36; W J Stevens, $50 55; A A Rice, $23 and 3 Garretson $300.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of A McMullen $2; R B Earle & Co. $6 63. $15 $212 46. $3 75 and 37 cents; Jersey City Gas Co. $8 43, $2 48. $4 93 and 61 cents; F Porrett $52 03; Overbaugh & Randall $26 88; Thomas Howe $18 22; B R Wakeman. $11; American Pottery Manufacturing Co. $3 75; B R Wakeman, $28 38; D & A McJ Henderson $20 and the Hudson County Mutual Insurance Co. $50.

The Recorder's report for the quarter ending July 31st, 1855; was presented, ordered to be published in the minutes, and referred to the committee on police and licences.

Said report being as follows:

To the honorable Common Council of Jersey City, I herewith subsist my quarterly report, ending July 31st, 1855.

These were arrested by the police and night watch, for the month of May, 1855, sixty-seven persons who were disposed of as follows, viz:

Thirteen were fined $2,	$26 00
Thirty-eight committed to city prison,	
Twelve were committed to county prison,	
Four were discharged.	
Moneys received for violating Sunday laws,	$93 00
" " " " City ordinance	
Inns and Taverns,	$30 00
	$149 00

There were arrested by the police and night watch for the month of June, 1855, one hundred and five persons, who were disposed of as follows, viz:

Twenty-two were fined $2,	$44 00
Fifty-three committed to city prison,	
Twenty-three committed to county prison,	
Seven were discharged.	
Moneys received for violating Sunday laws,	$89 00
" received for violating City ordinance Inns and Taverns,	$80 00
" received for violating City ordinance, pedling vegetables,	$2 00
	$233 00

There were arrested by the police and night watch for the month of July, 1855, one hundred and six persons, who were disposed of as follows, viz:

Twenty-nine were fined $2 each,	$58 00
Fifty-five committed to City prison,	
Seventeen committed to county prison,	
Five were discharged.	
Moneys received for violating Sunday laws,	$98 00
" received for violating city ordinance,	
Concerning Inns and Taverns,	$470 00
	$626 00

Whole number of arrests for quarter ending, July 31st, 1855, is two hundred and seventy eight.

Moneys received, one thousand and eight dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. CUTTER, Recorder.

Jersey City, August 4th, 1855

The city treasurer's report for July, 1855, showing a balance of $4509 04, in the treasury on the 1st

August instant, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A communication was presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the election of William Taylor, by Engine Co No. 1.

Communication received, ordered filed, and the election approved.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of "application to have a main sewer constructed through Newark and Railroad avenues, and Wayne street, and the grade raised, etc."

Report received and ordered filed

The special committee to whom was referred on the 17th July last, the subject of the charge made by Jas. Lightbody, to the effect that billiard playing is allowed in the Woodcock Saloon, on Sundays, reported that the committee find that the charge originated in the "fact that Mr. Merceles' attendant cleaning the room and billiard table on Sunday."

The report recommending that a tavern license be granted to Mr. Merceles. Report received.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "that the recommendation be laid upon the table."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell. Keeney and Rappleyea.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Lyman, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Absent—The President and Ald, Erwin and Greene.

The official bond of David Scott as an Auctioneer, referred to the corporation Attorney on the 31st ultimo. was returned with a certificate of its correctness endorsed on said bond by that officer, Bond approved and ordered filed.

The committee on streets presented sealed proposals received by them for contracts for street improvements. The proposals were opened, read, and proved to be from the following named persons.

For theregulation of Jersey Street from Mercer street to Grand street or Plank Road, from Charles G. Sisson, James F. Fielder &co., and Wm. A. Cumming.

For regulating of Grove street from Newark avenue to Pavonia avenue.

From James F. Fielder &co., Wm. A. Cumming and Charles G. Sisson.

For the regulation of South Seventh street from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue.

From James F. Fielder &co., P. McPharlin, Charles G. Sisson, James S. Noyes, and William A. Cumming.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the proposals be referred to the committee on streets with authority to contract with the lowest bidder for each contract, and that as the requsition of the committee on streets the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute contracts with the parties to whom the same shall be given by the said committee.

On motion of Ald Wilson it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to publish notice in the Corporation paper, that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in August instant, at eight o'clock, p. m., to receive objections in writing to the application of John G. McLaughlin, to have a culvert and receiving basin constructed on the South West corner of Montgomery and Grove streets, presented and referred to the Committee on sewers on the 31st ultimo.

On motion of Alderman Insley, the following entitled Ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 17th ultimo, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an ordinance relating to Omnibus and Stage Drivers approved, February 13th, 1853. approved, February 18th, 1854."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Lyman and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President, Ald Erwin and Greene.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Warrant be drawn in favor of James McDonald, Lamp Lighter, for thirty eight dollars and fifty cents, being the amount deducted from his former bill by mistake.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposal of the Jersey City Gas Light Company to light the streets be accepted, subject to such modifications as this Board may deem necessary and to the interest of the City, and that the Committee on Lamps be instructed to get from said Company a full and particular estimate for furnishing Gas for at least 200 Street Lamps, for a term of from one to five years, and that this Committee be also instructed to get additional estimates for erecting 200 Street Lamps, and submit the same to this Board for definite and final action.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution be laid upon the table."

The motion of Ald. Hill was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Hill.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Lyman, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Absent—The President, Ald Erwin and Greene.

Ald Thompson moved, "That the committee on lamps be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of lighting the city with gas."

Ald Hill, moved to amend the motion so as to read "That the committee on lamps be instructed to carry out the instructions of the Common Council."

On motion of Ald Wilson the amendment was amended, so as to read, "That the subject of lighting the city with gas be referred to a special committee of three."

The original motion was amendad by the substitution of Ald Wilson's amendment, and as amended was adopted.

Ald Hill, Tyrrell, and Lyman were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Powell for five hundred dollars being for third payment due to him on

his contract for completing the Public School Houss in the Fourth ward.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to rent the building now occupied as a watch house for the present Corporation year at a rent not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald. Erwin appeared and took his seat.)

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to hire for the use of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner, an office from the Mutual Insurance Company, at a rent not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The resolution was laid upon the table.

The report of the Overseer of the Poor, for the quarter ending July 31, 1855, was presented, received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Said report being as follows :

To the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—The overseer of the poor respectfully reportsthe following statement for the quarter ending July 31st, 1855, from which, will appear that 109 adults and 234 children have been relieved with groceries, showing an increase over other years, owing to the severity of the past winter, and the scarcity of labor at the present time.

The expenses for the out-door poor, have been on the following account :

Donations in groceries	-	$452 75
Children to nursing	-	32 80
Shoes - -	-	5 00
Transportation of paupers	-	27 00
Interments -	-	32 00
Total	-	$549 55

In the distribution of the charities of the city, I have acted with the view to the best interest of all concerned in an economical distribution of the public money, in relieving the pressing necessities of the distressed, and in this course, I hope, I have the approbation of your honorable body, and the community in general.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Overseer of the Poor.

Jersey City, Aug. 1, '55.

Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—The Superintendent of Alms-house, respectfully presents to your honorable body, his quarterly report ending July 31, 1855.

The number of persons admitted from May 1st, inclusive was 124 of which number there were

Male adults	-	23
Female do.	-	33
Children	-	66
Born in the house	-	2
Total	-	124

Discharged, died and adopted within the above period :

Male adults	-	15
Female do.	-	12
Children	-	30
Do. adopted	-	3
Died male adults	-	3
Do. children	-	4
		67

Remaining in the house Aug. 1st. 57.

The expense of the institution has been $660 47, on the following account :

Groceries	-	$408 00
Dry goods	-	89 12
Meat	-	88 25
Shoes	-	29 87
Lumber	-	20 23
Fuel	-	25 00
Total	-	$660 47

Goods on hand in store, valued at $225.

Total amonnt of actual cost, $435 47.

The health of the adult inmates are good considering their situation with a broken constitution before being admitted in the institution. The children are doing well considering the crowded state of their room called the nursery. The late act of your honorable body give me hopes, that we shall have an addition to the childrens department very soon as it is so much needed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Supt of Alms-house.

Tne actual cost of the in-door and out-door poor was $975 02.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing salaries." presented and laid upon the table on the 19th June last, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "That the following preamble and resolution in relation to the compensation of the City Clerk which was adopted on the 19th July last and embodied in the ordinance as an amendment to it be stricken out, viz:

Whereas, In our opinion no officer in the employment and pay of the city should receive Perquisites or Fees.

Therefore, There shall be paid to the City Clerk the sum of sixteen hundred dollars for the current Corporation year ; and all fees and perquisites legally chargeable and previously received by him shall be quarterly, by him deposited under oath with the City Treasurer.

The motion was adopted by the following vote,the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald, Edge, Tyrrell and Hill.

Yeas—Ald Clarke. Cobb, Edge, Hill, Hoffman, Insley. Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Erwin, Lyman and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President and Ald. Greene.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "That the Salary of the City Clerk be fixed at one thousand dollars." The motion was adopted.

On a motion made to fix the salary of the Comptroller at five hundred dollars, the yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Lyman and Clarke, and resulted as follows :

Yeas—Ald. Clarke. Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Thompson and Wilson

Nays—Edge, Erwin, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President and Ald. Greene.

The motion was declared lost.

A motion was made to fix the Comptroller's salary at four hundred dollars.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Cobb, Hoffman and Hill.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Edge, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President and Ald Greene.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "That the salary of the Comptroller be fixed at six hundred dollars."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Cobb, Tyrrell and Keeney.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Greene.

Ald Hill moved "That the salary of the Comptroller be fixed at four hundred and seventy-five dollars."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Cobb, Insley, and Hoffman.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Erwin, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell.

Absent—The President and Ald Greene.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "That the salary of the Corporation Attorney be fixed at five hundred dollars."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hoffman, Keeney and Hill.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Keeney, Lyman. Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Hoffman, Insley, and Thompson.

Absent—The President and Ald Greene.

A motion was made to fix the Street Commissioners salary at seven hundred dollars.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Wilson and Insley.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Hoffman Insley, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Greene.

The salary of the street commissioner was then fixed at eight hundred dollars.

Ald. Edge moved "that the salary of the chief engineer of the fire department be fixed at four hundred and fifty dollars"

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and neys having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Hill, Edge and Tyrrell:

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Insley, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Greene.

The salary of the chief engineer of the fire department was then fixed at four hundred dollars.

The salary of the chief of tho Day police was fixed at eight hundred dollors, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Wilson, Erwin, and Hoffman:

Yeas—Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Edge, Erwin, Hoffman and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Greene.

(Ald Cobb obtained leave and retired.)

A motion to fix the salary of the Assessors at five hundred dollars each was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hoffman, Keeney and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald Hill, Keeney and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, Ald Cobb and Greene.

The salary of the Assessors was then fixed at four hundred dollars each.

Other amendments were adopted on which the yeas and nays were not ordered.

The Ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Edge and Erwin.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb, Greene, and Insley.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Tuesday the fourteenth instant, at eight o'clock, P. M., at the Common Council Chamber.

Ald. Wilson obtained leave and retired.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the vote be reconsidered by which was adopted on the seventeenth ultimo, a resolution requiring all claims except those of the city officers, lamp-lighters, watchmen and policemen, to be sworn to before presentation.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That Ald Hoffman have leave to withwithdraw said resolution.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday evening, August 14, 1855, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

In the absence of the City Clerk, Ald. Thompson, was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Present—The President of the Board, Ald Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Ald. Clarke and Erwin were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Davenport, Edge and Wilson.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of James Wilson, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Patrick Boylen, to peddle fish, fruit and

vegetables. Ref. to com. on police and licenses.

Petition of Henry French and others to pay all assessments that may come due on their property in Jersey City within thirty days after confirmation.

A communication from the committee of the board of trustees of the fire department fund, recommending the following named persons for fire wardens in the different wards:

1st ward, James Warner; 2d ward, Saml. H. Many; 3d. ward, Elias F. Duncan; 4th ward, Joshua A. French.

Communication received, filed, and nominations approved.

Communication was presented by J. W. Parker and others, calling the attention of the board to the condition of the side walk, curb and gutter of the south side of York street, commencing at Washington street and extending about one hundred feet westerly.

Ref. to committee on streets.

Communication was presented by J. V. Hardenburgh, city comptroller, asking appropriation of $15 to meet the assessment of South 5th street. On motion, a warrant was ordered drawn for the amount.

Communication was presented by J. V. Hardenbergh, city comptroller, informing the Common Council that the following bonds have become due, payable at the Hudson County Bank:

Bond No. 51, due July 31, 1855, for $3,000, bond no. 52, August 6, 1855, $2,000, bond no. 54, July 27, 1855, $5 000.

Also return a bill of R. B. Earle for $15; reported correct and ordered paid, the same articles etc., appearing in a bill of R. B. Earle & Co. of $212 46; ordered paid August 7, 1855, which warrant was ordered cancelled for $15.

Communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of Fire Department announcing the election of William Lenvir Adam Lynch, Joseph N. Woster and Geo. W Dempsey by Phœnix Hose Company No. 2; also the Resignation and Expulsion of the following named persons, viz: the resignation of J. B. Hoover of Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, resignation of B. Demarest of Protection Company No. 5, and P. C. Rogers of Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 was expelled. Communications received, ordered filed, and elections, resignations and expulsions approved.

Ald. Greene presented a bill of John Hedden for $500 for mason work on Public School House No. 2 —and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hedden, Hughes and Van Doren for five hundred dollars, being the amount now due on contract for the mason work of school house in the Fourth ward, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be directed to sign the same.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell,

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Edge and Wilson.

The committee on streets in reference to remonstances against the confirmation of assessments for the improvements of South Fifth Street, beg leave to report upon the certificates of the Street Commissioners that the work has been done according to contract.

Report received and filed.

The committee on streets to whom was referred on the 7th of August last, sundry proposals for street contracts reported that they had accepted the following, viz.

James Noyes, for regulating and paving South 7th street from Newark avenue to Jersey avenue; of William A. Cumming to regulate Grove street from Newark avenue to Pavonia avenue; of William A. Cumming for regulating Jersey street from Mercer to Grove street on the Plank Road.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the contracts to be executed on the part of the Corporation with the above named W. A. Cumming and J. S. Noyes for the improvement named, by his Honor the Mayor and by the City Clerk under the seal of the City and the bonds which accompany said proposals be filed in the Comptrollers office.

Petition of Geo. W. Gardener and others to have the side walk of Newark avenue from Grove street to Monmouth street in said city repaired.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the property situated on the southerly side of Newark avenue, between Grove street and Monmouth street be, and they are hereby directed to repair, fill up, lay and relay the side walk, and remove all obstructions to the full width of eight feet from the curb stone in front of their premises, and when this resolution shall have been approved of by his honor the Mayor it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to serve a copy of the same upon the owner or occupant of each of the premises in question, and if the said work is not done within ten days after such service, then it shall be the duty of the committee on streets to advertise and receive proposals for said work, and cause the same to be done without delay, and all costs and charges assessed upon the property benefitted thereby, according to the provisions of the city charter.

Ald. Hill, presented an ordinance to provide for filling in and paving, curbing, guttering, flagging the sidewalk four feet wide in South Sixth street, between Erie and Jersey avenue, also an ordinance for filling and curbing and flagging the side walks four feet wide, and bridge stones at the intersections in Wayne street between Jersey street and Putman. Received and laid upon the table.

The committee on streets returned sundry bonds which accompanied proposals for street improvement contracts which have been rejected, and on motion of Ald. Hill it was Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to return said bonds to the parties by whom they were executed.

The committee on streets on the petition of John Van Vorst and others referred the 19th July, 1855, asking permission to pave South 3d street between Grove and Prospect. The committee reported recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. The motion was adopted.

The committee on streets on the remonstrance of John Babington and others making south side of Railroad avenue six feet wide, referred June 26, 1855.

The committee returned the remonstrance as the

work complained of has been vetoed by the Mayor. Report received and filed.

The committee on streets on petition of Henry M Traphagen and others for permission to do the filling in on front of property in Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to the centre of North third street at their own expense and presented and referred July 3, 1855.

The committee on streets recommend the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and they have until the fifteenth day of September next to do their work. Report received and filed.

The committee on streets, on the petition of David Kemp and others, for filling in sunken lots in Railroad avenue, between Prospect avenue and Warren street. Presented 19th June, 1855.

The committee on streets return this petition, as they have reported to have nuisance abated by a resolution passed at the last regular meeting. Report received and filed.

The committee on streets, on the petition of Geo. Almont and others, presented and referred, June 26, 1855, to have regulated nineteen feet wide on Railroad avenue, on the south side from Prospect street to Warren to be made to the established grade, and also that the sidewalks to be laid six feet, and the same to be curbed, guttered and flagged.

The committee on streets return this petition, the Mayor having *vetoed* the improvement asked for.—Report received and filed

The committee on streets on proposal for Citysurveying as advertised in the *Telegraph* with the sundries attached.

Presented to the Common Council April 17, 1855 opened and with I. B. Culver's proposals referred to a committee on streets with instructions to engross the lowest proposals in an ordinance.

The committee on streets returned their proposals rejected.

Report received and filed.

The committee on streets on the petition of L. R. Bailey and others to have deep gully in Jersey avenue near Bright street filled up, presented and referred 3rd Tuesday in June, 1855

The committee on streets return this petition, as the gully complained of has been filled in. Report received and filed.

The committee on Police on the petition John Gray for license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, presented, referred August 7th 1855.

The Committee on Police and Licenses reccommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, report received and recommendation adopted.

The committee on public grounds and buildings, who were instructed by resolution passed on the 17th July, to ascertain and report where and at what price, suitable lots could be obtained, on which to erect a temporary city hall and market.

The report was received and laid upon the table.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolutions, in relation to purchasing city lots for the purpose of erecting city hall and market.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings, be and are hereby authorized to purchase from Mr. John H. Broas, in the name and for, the use of the city, lots No. 71 and 73 Newark avenue also lot No —, fronting on Henderson st., one hundred (100) feet south of the corner of Newark avenue and Henderson street, said lots being on block No. 46, Clerk & Bacot's map, for the sum of eight thousand (8.000) dollars, and that the bond or bonds of the city be issued therefor, in favor of John H. Broas, for five (5) years, bearing interest at and after the rate of 7 per cent per annum. and that said bond or bonds be issued under the dirrection of the committee on finance, and that his honor the Mayor and city clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute said bond or bonds on the requisition of said finance Committee.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings, be and are hereby authorized to purchase from Mr. Dudley S. Gregory, in the name and for the use of the city, lots Nos. 52, 54, 56, and 58, fronting on Gregory street, in the 2nd ward, as laid down on Clark and Bacot's map, block 46, for the sum of seven thousand two hundred and fifty (7,250) dollars, and that the bond or bonds of the city be issued therefore, in favor of Mr. Dudley S. Gregory for five (5) years, bearing interest at and after the rate of 7 per cent per annum, and that the said bond or bonds be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, and that His Honor the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said bond or bonds on the requisition of said finance committee.

Ald. Lyman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the city payable to the Hudson County Bank for the sum of ten thousand dollars at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent per annum and for a period not exceeding six months.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Edge and Wilson.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of South fifth street from Erie street to Newark avenue be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that 1 1-2 per cent be added for Collector's fees.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Clarke, Erwin, Greene. Hill Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Edge, and Wilson.

Ald. Hoffman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no claim of five dollars or upwards except for the salary of a city officer or for the compensation of a lamp lighter, city watchman, or a policeman shall be received by the Common Council for auditing unless at the time of presentation of such claim there shall be endorsed upon it an affidavit of the claimant that said claim is just and true, that the work has been performed or the materials furnished, that no bonus have been given or received by any person or persons with the knowledge of the claimant in connection with such claim that it is in

all respects a bona fide and fair claim, and that the amount charged is a reasonable one.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to adjourn—lost.

Ald. Tyrrell, presented an ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled an ordinance to suppress vice and immorality. Passed June 19, 1855. Approved July 4, 1855.

Ordinance which was laid upon the table. and printed copies on slips for the use of the members of the Common Council to be printed.

The following claims and accounts were presented and referred to their appropriate committees.

Of James Fielder, $23,435 93 ; J. V. Hardenburg $100; S. A. French, $100 ; S. Billington, $3; Saml. Anness, $38 96 ; J. A. French, $36 50 ; Marshal and Norris, $9. Marshal and Norris, $14; J. W. Hanks, $32 ; Bacot & Wood, $2.

The following claim and account was presented referred to committee, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid. viz. :

J. B. & D. E. Culver, $12 50.

Ald. Hill presented the following claims referred at previous meeting which were laid upon the table

Of John A. Connell, $2 ; D. S. & W J. Henderson $14 44; G H. Baily, $25 ; Woolsey & Woolsey, 38 cents ; Hutton & Lacey, $14 75.

Ald Rappleyea presented the following claims, referred at previous meeting which were laid upon the table.

Of G. E. Cutter, $11 50; M. Burbank $37 ; Wm M. Abby, $39 65; Vanderbeck & Co. $11 31 ; F. B. Betts, $139 28 ; Jersey City Brass Band $22 ; J. B. Haight, 50 cents; Morrel & Vanderbeck $1 75.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the board then adjourned.

J. R. THOMPSON, City Clerk, pro tem.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday August 21, 1855, at 8 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President pro tem, and Ald. Thompson was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Present— Ald. Clark, Cobb, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Ald. Insley was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President, Ald. Davenport, Edge and Greene.

The minutes of the regular meeting held Augnst 7th, and the adjonrned meeting of August 14th were read and approved.

(Ald. Greene appeared and took his seat.)

Petitions, communications etc. were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of J. B. Concklin for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. License renewed to May 1, 1856.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of R S. Gillman, $6. Ref. to Committee on Public Health.

Of Patrick Lee, 50 cents Ref. to Committee on Public Health.

Of George E. Cutter, City Recorder, $125. Ref. to Committee on Salaries and Elections.

Of Sam Hetherington, $95. Ref. to Committee on Schools.

Of Mathias Burbank, $51.

Of Joseph H. Fairbanks $53 25 ; James Wallace, $54 ; David Babington, $54; Stephen W.Treadwell, $28 50 ; Jarvis L. Ayres, $54 ; Michael H. Travers, $54 ; Jeremiah Clarke, 54 and Joseph C. Kittle, $54. Ref. to Committee on Police and Licenses.

The following communication was laid before the Board by the Clerk *pro tem.*, from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 21st ult., and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered at large in the minutes of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, August 20, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council :—I herewith return without my approval a resolution to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted on the 17th ult, requiring all claims against the city (except those of city officers) to be sworn to before being presented to the Common Council for payment.

Prior to the adoption of the resolution before me, the former resolution had become a law in the manner prescribed by the city charter, therefore your Honorable Body could not reconsider the vote by which the law was passed, without a direct violation of that instrument, and an infringement upon a plain and well established rule of Legislation. Jefferson says "No motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order after a bill, resolution, or motion upon which the vote was taken, shall have gone out of the possession of the Body that passed it."

It is not necessary in this connection to argue the propriety or the resolution you have thus improperly voted to reconsider, I approved it, supposing that you were influenced by the best of motives in its adoption,—that it was intended to guard the city against peculation, illegal and improper charges.

I therefore return the resolution without my signature. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved, "That the resolution do now pass, nothwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Hld Greene, Hill, Keeney and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, Ald Davenport, and Edge

A communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the expulsion of Robert E. O'Hara, John Mackay, Ed. Andrews, and Michael Connor, from Washington Engine Company No. 4 ; of the election of Matthew Somers, John Hannon, John Herche and John Smith by Washington Engine Company No. 4; of the resignation of E. S. Van Anglen; from Diligent Hose Company No. 3, and of Michael H. Travis, James McDermott and John J. Hill from Washington Company No. 4 ; of the death, in the performance of his duty, of Charles Grigliette, late member of the Washington Engine Company No. 4.

The report was received, names of members elected ordered to be enrolled and certificates granted, names of members expelled and deceased ordered to be stricken from the roll.

The committee on schools reported the claims of W. Powell and Hedden, Hughes and Van Doren.

Ald Rappleyea moved that a warrant be drawn in favor of W. Powell for $1000, being the 4th payment ; also a warrant in favor of Hedden, Hughes and Van Doren for $500, for sixth payment, on account of the 4th ward school house.

The Committee on Streets reported several proposals, to wit. :

No 1, from J. F. Fielder & Co., No 2, from J Corrigan, No. 3, from W. B. Rider, No. 4, from C. G. Sisson, No. 5, W. H. Cummings.

Ald. Hill moved to refer said estimates to the Street Committee with power to make contracts with the lowest bidder if deemed to be for the interest of the city so to do.

The following resolution was presented and adopted.

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of Mercer street between Washington street and Warren street be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that two per cent be added for collectors fees, amount of assessment $1513 53.

Ald Erwin moved that the warrants in favor of Henderson & Wilson, be drawn for work done on Mercer rtreet between Washington and Warren.

A certificate for $132 80, was granted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald Davenport and Edge.

A certificate for $501 03, was granted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Greene, Hill,

Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald Davenport and Edge

A certificate for $794 45, was granted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas —Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Davenport and Edge.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the committee on assessments will please have the improvement cirtificates for regulation of Mercer street from Washington to Warren streets, —in favor of Henderson and Wilson, made out as follows:

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Ald. Hill moved that the committee on health be requested to confer with the officers at Quarantine, to prevent the landing of a corpse in Jersey City, which had died of yellow fever, at New Orleans.—The motion was adopted.

Ald. Lyman presented the following resolution:

Rosolved, That the finance committee be authorized to borrow for the use of the city, in anticipation of taxes, ten thouasnd dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent per annum, and for a period not exceeding six months, and that the Mayor and city clerk be authorized to issue the bond or bonds of the city therefor, and affix the seal of the city thereto, upon requisition of the finance committee.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Erwin. Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald, Davenport and Edge.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to take from the table the report of committee on market ground; the motion was carried.

Ald. Wilson moved to adopt the above report.

Ald. Lyman moved to adopt the report without recommendation, which was carried.

Ald. Lyman moved that the recommendation attached to the report be adopted. The motion was carried.

Ald. Rappleyea moved that the resolution laid upon the table at the last meeting in relation to the purchasing of lots on Newark avenue be adopted.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Erwin.

Absent—The President, and Ald Davenport and Edge.

Ald. Rappleyea moved that the resolution laid upon the table at the last meeting in relation to the purchasing of lots in Gregory street be adopted.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay--Ald. Erwin.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Davenport, and Edge.

Ald. Rappleyea, moved that the Street Committee be added to the committee on Public Grounds and and Buildings to assist in procuring plans plans and etc. for a temporary City Hall and Market and Bell tower. The motion was adopted.

Ald Lyman moved to take from the table the tax ordinance. Carried.

Ald. Lyman moved to make appropriation for night watch of $9000 Carried.

Ald Thompson moved that the appropriation for Police be made at $2200.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald· Erwin Wilson and Thompson.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Hoffman, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb. Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Davenport and Edge.

Ald Thompson moved that the appropriation be made at $5200.

The motion was carried by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hoffman, Cobb, and Erwin.

Yeas—Ald. Cobb, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Erwin, Hoffman, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Davenport and Edge.

Ald. Erwin moved to make an appropriation for the Fire Department of $5000.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Green and Lyman.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Erwin Greene, Hoffman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Davenport and Edge.

Ald Hill moved that the appropriation be made $4,000. Carried.

Ald Rappleyea moved to appropriate $400, for the expenses incurred at the celebration of the 4th of July. Adopted.

Ald Wilson moved that an appropriation be made for the protection of public health of $200. The motion was carried.

Ald. Wilson moved to make the rate of taxation 6 mills on the dollar. The motion was withdrawn.

Ald Rappleyea moved to strike out the section referring to taxing the possessors of dogs. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made that "An ordinance for the asseosment and collectton of an annual tax for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five," do now pass as amended.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Greene. Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Davenport and Edge.

Ald. Rappleyea moved that when the Board adjourn it adjourns to meet next Tuesday evening at the City Clerk's office. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Erwin, H. L. Meeker was appointed watchman in 1st. ward. Motion carried.

Ald. Rappleyea moved that J. A. Parmlee be appointed watchman in 4th ward. Motion adopted.

Ald. Hill moved to lay on the table the matter referring to the Whitlock Bribery case.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Lyman and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Davenport and Edge.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. J. R. THOMPSON, City Clerk pro tem.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held at the City Clerk's office, August 28th, 1855.

In the abscence of the President Ald. Tyrrell was called to the chair, and Ald. Insley Clerk pro tem.

Present—Ald. Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea and Tyrrell. As quorum not being present, on motion of Ald Rappleyea adjourned.

HENRY E INSLEY, City Clerk, pro tem.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday September 4, 1855, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clark, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Green and Thompson.

The minutes of the meetings of the 21st and 28th ultimo were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc. were presented and disposed of as follows :

Communication from Stephen Quaite, in relation to claim presented by him for services as commissioner in the matter of opening of Jersey avenue. Ref. to joint committee on streets and asessments.

Petition of Edward Coles and others for permission to pave at their own expense Coles street, between South 4th and South 5th streets. Prayer of petitioners granted, provided that the work be done under the direction of the committee on streets, and that they be empowered to appoint a superintendent of the work.

Petition of Michnel Mullone, to have the street lamps in the Second ward repaired. Ref to committee on lamps.

Petition of James Gopsill for an appropriation of $200 to meet the deficiency in getting up his proposed City Directory. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of James Gopsill, $50. Ref. to committee on fire and water

Of Charles Somers, $17 43, and Alexander Arbuckle, $4 75. Ref to committee on streets.

Of Quaife & Otley, $2 50, $12 40 and $12. Ref. to committee on sewers

Of H. Billingsley, $26 ; H. A. Miller & Co. $110 70 ; J. McDonald, $55 50, and William Eaton, $20 50. Ref to committee on Lamps

Of Matthias Burbank, $38 50. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Drayton & Durant, $98 20. Ref. to committee alms.

The committee on police and licenses returned claim No. 7438, referred to them on the 21st ultimo and the same was then referred to the committee on streets.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Of James Kerr, $22 ; City Watchman. $664 29 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $45 72 ; Philo Snow, $120 95 ; R. S. Gillman, $2 12 ; G. W. Cassedy, $250 ; R. D. McClelland, $125 ; W. Sanderson, $25 ; Daily Telegraph, $166 ; E. Hope, Jr., $10 50 ; W. Hanks, $32 13 ; Capron & DeKlyn, $279 50 ; Drayton and Durant, $90 48.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board, were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of W. Hanks, $32 13 ; H. A. Miller & Co., $13 22; H. A. Miller & Co.,$4 78 ; H. A. Miller & Co., $20.-85 ; H. A. Miller & Co., $7 30 ; R. B. Earle & Co., $3 75 ; R. S. Gillman $6 ; G. E. Cutter, $125 ; and S. A. French, $100.

The following claims reported correct and laid upon the table at previous meetings of the board were taken up and ordered paid:

Of M. Burbank, $37 ; W. M. Abbey, $39 75 ; Vanderbeek & Cameron, $1 75, and $11 31 and G. E. Cutter, $11 50.

A requisition was presented from the board of education for $60, and a warrant was ordered to be drawn on the treasurer for that amount, in favor of Justus Slater, chairman of the committe on buildings and repairs of the board of education.

The City Treasurer's report for August 1855, showing a balance in the Treasury on the 1st September instant, amounting to $709 40, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A communication was presented from the Comptroller, asking for the passage of a resolution authorizing the printing of eight hand-bills containing a list of property to be sold on the 8th October next for assessments. Received and the printing ordered.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the election of Christian Knapp as a member of Hose Co. No. 4 ; and that the following resignations, viz. : Of James E Smith, Thomas S. Appleten and David Jones from Hose Co. No. 4 ; of Isaac Morrow, Wm. Rawlinson and Robert Kirk, from Engine Co. No. 3.

Communications received and ordered filed and the election approved.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporatioe notices, viz :

"Application to have a portion of side walk in South First street, between Grove and Prospect sts. filled up, &c."

"Application to have Monmouth street, between the northerly side of South Second street and South Eighth street regulated, &c."

"Application to have the South side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets filled to the established grade, &c."

And Corporation notice of the passage of a resolution to provide for the filling of all the sunken lots on blocks 48, 50 and 53 North of Railroad avenue, east of Prospect street, South of Morgan street, and West of Warren street, also lots on block 69 in the Third Ward, &c. Reports received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 12th June last the petition of Samuel McLaughlin to have Mercer street, between Washington and Greene streets filled up to the established grade and repaved, presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the committee on streets be authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for doing the said work etc. Report received and it was resolved that the recommendation be adopted.

An opinion of the Corporation Attorney as to the opening of a portion of Morgan street was presented, received and ordered filed, and it was—

Resolved, That the committee on streets be authorized to employ surveyors to survey Morgan st., from the intersection of said street with Grove street about one hundred and seven feet in an easterly direction from said intersection on the south side of said Morgan street, and ascertain whether there is any incumbrance on said street.

An opinion of the Corporation Attorney as to

forged endorsement on a city warrant was presented, received and ordered filed.

A copy of a letter from Ald. Erwin as chairman of the committee on public health to the health officer at Quarantine, in relation to the arrival of a vessel with a corpse of a person who died of yellow fever, was presented by Ald. Erwin, received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the board to appoint viva voce, an inspector of lumber, whereupon on motion of Ald. Rappleyea William Sanderson was appoinied to that office.

The following resolutions from the committee on assessments were presented by Ald. Davenport and disposed of as follows.

Resolved That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan, for five thousand five hundred and fifty-four 02-100, being the balance of his bill for regulating South Fifth st. from Erie street to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Hoffman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Thompson.

Resolved. That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood, for three hundred dollars being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulating of South Fifth street, from Erie street to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, and Wilson,

Nays—Ald Hoffman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore for one hundred and one 87-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Fifth street, from Erie street to Newark avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Hoffman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood, for forty three dollars, being the amouut of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulation of Mercer street, from Warren street to Washington street including intersections, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—The President, Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald Edge.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Resolved That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of William Moore, for sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulation of Mercer street from Washington to Warren streets including intersections, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted bp the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Edge.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Ald Rappleyea moved "That a warrant for five hundred dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hughes, Hedden and Van Doren, for sixth payment due to them on their contract for completing the public school house in the Fourth ward."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge) Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That the vote be reconsidered by which the tax ordinance for the present year was passed at the last regular meeting.

Several amendments to the ordinance were proposed and rejected.

On the following amendments which were offered, the yeas and nays were ordered and resulted as follows:

Ald Rappleyea moved, "To strike out the appropriation of $5,200, for the support of a Day Police, and appropriate that amount for grading and regulating Hamilton Square.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Wilson and Clarke:

Yeas—Ald Edge, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Nays—The President, Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney Lyman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Ald Hill moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the *fourth* section, and by altering the *fifth* section so as to read:

"For the support of a *Day Police or Day and Night Police twelve thousand dollars.*"

Ald Wilson moved to amend the motion of Ald.

Hill by striking out $12,000, and inserting in its place $10,000.

Ald. Wilson's motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Wilson, Rappleyea and Erwin.

Yeas—Ald Erwin, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Nays—The President, Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Ald Hill's amendment was then adopted

Ald Lyman moved "That the ordinance as amended do now pass."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Edge, Hoffman and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Greene and Thompson.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas it is reported that Mathias Burbanks, Pound Keeper of the 4th ward, has sold animals impounded by him, and unlawfully retained the moneys accruing from such sale, therefore,

Resolved That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the above accusations, and report at the next meeting of this Common Council.

The preamble and resolution were adopted, and Ald Tyrrell, Clarke, and Rappleyea, were appointed such committee.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved That sunken lots on the north side of Montgomery street and east of Jersey street in the 3d ward, be and the same are hereby declared a nuisance, and that said lots be filled up two feet above the present surfuce of the water, or that the same be drained.

The resoluion was adopted.

Ald. Hoffman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the chairman of the committee on alms be authorized to dispose of the alms house cow and procure one more suited to the wants of the alms department.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald Edge obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Robert S. Gilman Street Commissioner, for one years rent of office, to May 1st. 1855, fifty dollars.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald. Erwin, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Lyman, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Edge, Greene and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a ballotting be suspended to enable the Board to apopint viva voce a Commissioner of Appeal from the Third ward in the place of Edmund W. Kingsland who has failed to qualify.

Whereupon on motion of Ald Hill, George Ford was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Ald Hill the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and James Gopsill was viva voce appointed a City Auctioneer.

The Bond of James Gopsill as a City Auctioneer was presented, approved, and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Lyman it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be svspended to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce* a commissioner of appeal from the First Ward in the place of Andrew Clerk, who has failed to qualify

Whereupon, on motion of Ald Lyman, David Gould was appointed to fill such vacancy.

Ald Hill. presented a claim of James F. Fielder, for $137 60, certified by the committee on streets as correct, and also an assessment map for the work specified in the claim, viz,: "For filling in sunken lots on Bright street." The claim and map were referred to the committee on assessments.

Ald Insley presented the following entitled ordinance and the same was laid upon the table, viz. :

"An ordinance to establish and regulate a day and night police."

On motion of Ald. Hoffman the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council held as the City Clerk's office Sept. 18, 1855. In the absence of the President Ald. Cobb was called to the chair and Ald. Rappleyea was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Present—Ald Wilson, Cobb, and Rappleyea.

A quorum not being present, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea the board then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday evening 19th instant at the City Clerk's office at 8 o'clock.

R. R. RAPPLEYEA, City Clerk pro tem.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council held at the City Clerk's office, September 19th, 1855. In the abscence of the President, Ald. Tyrrell was called to the chair, and Ald. Clarke was appointed City Clerk pro tem.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Insley and Thmpson.

No Quorum being present, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea the board adjourned to meet at the City Clerk's office, on Thursday the 20th inst. at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

WM. CLARKE, City Clerk pro tem.

An adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Thursday, September 20, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock p.m.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clark, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill, Insley and

On motion of Ald Wilson, Ald Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tempore.*

The minutes of the meetings of the 4th, 18th and 19th instant, were read and approved.

Petitions, Communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of John L. Burst and others for the construction of a main sewer through South Seventh st. from Hudson River east of Prospect street to a point at or near the Mill Creek, west of Brunswick street, with all the necessary tributaries to said main sewer. Ref. to committee on sewers, the third Tuesday in October next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, p.m. appointed as the time for receiving and considering objections to the proposed improvement; and the usual notice respecting the application ordered to be published by the City Clerk.

Petition of Robert Gibson to be appointed a City Auctioneer, accompanied by a bond for the faithful performance of his duties as such auctioneer, if he be appointed. Ref. to com. on police and licenses.

Petition of Thomas Farrell for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to com on police and licenses.

Petition of Joseph B. Conkling, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref, to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of John F. Trippe for a public lamp at the north easterly corner of Erie street and Pavonia avenue. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of Mathew Kelly, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Andrew Anderson and others for permission to pave at their own expense Erie street between South Sixth street and Grove street. Ref. to committee on streets·

Petition of Richard Booth to be Pound Master of the Fourth ward. Laid upon the table.

Communication from William H. Wood, City Surveyor, respecting his claim for surveys, &c. for the filling of Grand street from Jersey street to the Mill Creek. Laid upon the table.

Petition of John Detgin and others in relation to the grade of Coles st. between South 3d and South 5th streets, and South 4th street between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street. Ref. to committee on streets with power.

Notices from Garret E. Winants of the expiration of time for payment of Improvement Certificates held by him for regulating Morgan street from Grove to Greene streets, and for regulating Cole's street between South 2d and South 4th streets.

On motion of Ald. Wilson it was

Resolved, That the communication be referred to the Comptroller and that he be requested to draw the usual requisition for the several amounts within 30 days from this date.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Boyes & Sharp, $924 60. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of B. Hughes, $537; and T. Newham, $15. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of E. B. Sippell, $235 12 and Quaife & Otley $20 12. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of R. & J. McLaughlin, $33 11 and J. F. Richardson, $35 75. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of Hedden, Hughes and Van Doren, $677 98; J. H. Baldwin, $6, and Cronham & Wetterson, $10 31. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of R. D. McClelland, $53 85. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of C. J Farley, $200; and R. S. Gillman, $25. Ref. to committee on salaries; offices, and elections.

The committee on sewers returned claims of Quaife and Otley, Numbered 7444 and 7460, referred to said committee on the 4th inst., and said claims were referred to committee on streets.

The committee on Public Health returned claim of Patrick Lee, numbered 7439, referred to said committee on the 21st August last, and the same was referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

The committee on sewers returned the claim referred to them on the 4th instant, of Quaife & Otley for $2 50, numbered 7459, and the same was referred to the committee on schools; subsequently the claim was reported correct and ordered paid.

The following claims were presented referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Isaac Wakefield, $54 25; J. McLaughlin, 23 28; Cronham & Waterson, $5 66; H. McFadden, $25; J. A. French, $36 50; S. Billington, $3; Kemp & Ward, $105 74; Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery Co, $41; James N. Knight, $32 11; S. H. Many,

$65; H. Gilbert, $25; C. E. Masten, $237 09; C. Van Brunt, $54 37; A. M. C. Smith, $1005 08; J. Wilson, $7 53; C. Van Buskirk, $11; Kemp & Ward, $79 76; S. Billington, $14 84; and W. Hanks, $43 02.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Drayton & Durant, $98 20; J. V. Hardenbergh, $100 00; Day Police, $405 75; James Gopsill $50 00; Marshal & Morris, $14 50; F. Anness, $20 32; Marshall & Morris, $9 00; Flockton's Jersey City Brass Band, $22 50; J. B. Haight, $0 50; F. B. Betts, $152 63.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 15th inst., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Sept. 15, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return without my sanction a resolution authorizing the committee on public grounds and buildings to purchase from John H. Broas Esq., two lots on Newark avenue, No. 71 and 73 each 20x100 feet, also one lot on Henderson street 20x60 feet, from the same party for the sum of eight thousand dollars.—The resolution further authorises the issue of bonds to the amount of the purchase money to Mr. Broas bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent and payable in five years.

Although the purpose for which this purchase is contemplated is not expressed in the resolution before me, it is undoubtedly intended as a site for public buildings and for a public market, the former of which has been recommended by me to you, as well as to your predecessors,—the necessity for some temporary provision for a public hall and public offices having become imperatively demanded by the wants of our growing city.

In June last a resolution passed by your Honorable Body received my official sanction, directing the issue of city bonds to the amount of twenty five thousand dollars, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, and payable in fifteen years, for the purpose of erecting public buildings, which issue was authorized by a special act of the Legsilature, passed in the year 1854. Under the authority of the same act, your predecessors adopted a resolution authorizing the late committee on Finance to borrow for the purpose of erecting public buildings, and purchasing public grounds, the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, for a term of fifteen years, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent per annum, and instructing them to advertise for proposals for said loan, which resolution was approved by me June 19, 1854. The committee accordingly advertised for said loan, but I am informed received no bid, for it.

The terms upon which these bonds were to be issued, have I am informed, rendered their negotiation thus far impracticable, and I have not been able to learn that there is any present prospect of their disposal, on the terms limited by the act.

While I am pleased to know that my official recommendation for the erection of temporary buildings, for a city Hall and Bell, with the necessary offices for public accommodation, and which has been so long needed, has received the attention of your Honorable Body, I can not believe that a true or judicious economy would justify the purchase of sites for these buildings, when no provision has been made for their erection, and when the prospect of any provision seems very distant, unless perhaps some change shall be made in the law authorizing and directing the conditions of the loan, which change can only be made by the Legislature, a matter over which we have no control. Unless some steps are taken to assure the negotiation of the proposed loan, for the erection of the public buildings. I do not feel that it would be just to the tax payers of the city, nor to the community at large, whose interests we represent, to purchase this property, at acknowledged high prices, at this time, and to pay interest on the purchase money, and taxes and assessments on the property which we may not be able to use for years to come. That I am governed solely in these views, by those motives which should ever actuate you and me in the discharge of our duties as public servants, is evidenced by the fact, that as an owner of property adjoining that named in the resolution before me, I should be largely benefitted, if its purposes were consummated, but I trust, that, while in the discharge of my official duties, I shall never be found willing to consent to sacrafice a *Public interest*, great or small, for any selfish or personal consideration whatever.

I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S MANNERS.

Ald Rappleyea moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor"

The motion was laid upon the table on motoin of Ald Erwin.

The City Clerk laid before the board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 15th inst., and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Sept. 15, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return without my approval a resolution authorizing the purchase of four lots of ground on Gregory street, Nos. 52, 54, 56, 58, each 25x90 feet, from the Hon. D. S. Gregory for the sum of seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Assuming that the purchase of these lots has been directed with a view to the erection of public buildings, I respectfully refer you to my message returning the resolution authorising the purchase of property from John H. Broas, for the reasons which induce me to withhold my sanctiou from the resolution before me.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Rappleyea moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was laid upon the table on motion of Ald Wilson.

The City Clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 18th instant, and the

same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYORS OFFICE,
Jersey City, Sept. 18, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

I have received and returned without my approval an ordinance entitled "an ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax for the year 1855."

The Charter authorises the Common Council to raise by tax every year, so much money as they may deem expedient for certain purposes, and directs that there shall be a poll tax assessed on every male resident over the age of twenty-one years, who is not a pauper, which shall be appropriated to the support of public schools, and that the residue required for city purposes shall be assessed upon the real estate and chattels, situate in the city, and which tax shall not exceed, in any one year, seven mills on a dollar, of the actual value of the property assessed.

The 26th section of the ordinance before me directs that every owner or possesser of a dog or dogs shall be assessed and pay a special tax for every male dog two dollars, and ever female dog three dollars. Although this section was inadvertantly inserted in the tax ordinance of last year, it must be apparent to every reflecting mind it could only have been inserted then, as it has been now, in direct violation of the spirit and letter of the charter.

There are other sections of the ordinance to which I respectfully direct your attention, which in my judgment, demand some alterations.

The 9th section directs that fourteen thousand dollars shall be raised for the support of public schools, which is just one hundred per cent over the amount raised last year, this amount, is exclusive of the poll tax, and the amount annually received from the state school fund, all of which items in the aggregate will make a sum of more than twenty-thousand dollars for this object—which I deem unnecessarially large—I am informed by the assessors that they have assessed a poll tax on four thousand nine hundred and forty-nine persons, which will make $7423, of this amount, not less than $4000, will be collected if we can be governed by the collections of this item, in former years, as a criterion, you must therefore see the propriety of reducing the amount in this section some five or six thousand dollars to conform to the amount required by the board of education for the support of the public school. While I am willing to lend my sanction to ample appropriation for every necessary expenditure, I cannot but deem it unwise and unjust to assess our citizens with an excess of taxes for any object, not demanded by public necessity.

I would suggest that the appropriation in the police section, be reduced some $3000, and the phraseology so altered or read $9000 exclusive of the amount of revenue or fines derived from said department, which in my judgment will be ample to meet, under any circumstances, the expenses of that department—some five or six thousand dollars was collected last year, on this account and it is fair to suppose that at least $3000 will be collected from that source this year, which should go to the credit of that department, for its support.

I would also suggest the propriety of increasing the deficiency item, some three thousand dollars.—There are other alterations that in my judgment ought to be made, but I do not deem it important to refer them in this connection.

Under these circumstances I return the ordinance for re-consideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Erwin moved "that the ordinance do now pass, notwitstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was laid upon the table, on motion of Ald Wilson, subsequently on motion of Ald. Greene, Ald Erwin's motion was taken up for consideration, and the motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald Hoffman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Keeney and Thompson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Hill and Insley.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of watchmen Twybill, Travis, Watts and Beekman, and reccommending an investigation into the conduct of watchmen Meeker, Vandemark, and Towels, on the charge of creating a disturbance at the circus of Dan Rice. Ref. to a special commlttee consisting of Ald. Erwin, Keeney, Clarke, Hoffman, and Greene.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a summons under the lien law at the suite of Isaiah Rolfe and George W. Metlar, served on the 12th instant. Ref to the corporation Attorney.

A communication was presented from the Comptroller asking authority to have 12 notices of the next assessment sale printed. Received and the printing ordered.

A report was presented from the Street Commissioner setting forth that lot 267 Grand street, (Mangin's map) is a nuisance, in consequence of its being covered with stagnant water, and recommending that it be filled up. Ref to joint committee on streets and public health.

The City Clerk reported that on the 10th instant, Ald Lyman filed in the city clerk's office. his resignation of his seat as a member of the Common Council ; and Ald. Thompson offered the following resolutions, in relation thereto which were adopted :

Resolved, That a special election be held in the First Ward, on Tuesday the ninth day of October next, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of George D. Lyman, as a member of the common council, that the said election be held at the old Hook and Ladder House, in Sussex street, and the polls be opened at 8 o'clock A.M, and closed at seven o'clock P. M., and that the Clerk of the First Ward be directed to give the usual notice required at the annual chrater election, and in the same manner.

Resolved, That the Board of citycanvassers, (to consist of all the members of the common council) will meet at the city clerk's office on Friday the 12th Oct. next, at 5 o'clock P. M, to canvass the returns of said special election.

The resignation of J. H. Baldwin as Constable from

the First ward was presented, accepted and ordered filed.

A communication was presented from the Collector of Taxes for permission to have tax bills printed &c., Ref to committee on Finance.

The special committee to whom were referred charges against Matthias Burbanks, as Pound Kee per in the Fourth ward, reported that they find the charges sustained, and reccommend that he be expelled from the office of Pound Keeper in said Ward.

Ald Erwin moved " That the report be received, filed, and its reccommendation adopted."

The motion was declared adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell,and Wilson

Nays—None.

Absent—The President,and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill, and Insley.

Ald Greene moved " That the warrant on the city Treasurer for four hundred dollars ordered to be drawn in favor of Hedden, Hughes and Van Doren be cancelled. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Ald Greene it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Messrs. Headden, Hughes, and Van Doren for four hundred dollars for the 7th payment, for four hundred dollars for the 8th payment, and for eight hundred and eighteen dollars for the 9th and last payment due to them on their contract for completing the Masons work of the Fourth ward Public School House.

The committee on lamps to whom was referred on the 19th June last, the petition of John Cassedy and others, for the erection of a lamp in York street, between Grove and Barrow streets, opposite the Free Episcopal church reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and it was Resolved, That the report be received and the committee on lamps be instructed to erect an iron lamp post at the place named in the petition.

The committee on lamps, to whom was referred on the 12th June last, the petition of John Pringle and others, to have a lamp placed in Bright street, between Grove and Barrow streets, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners—and it was

Resolved, That the report be received, and the committee on lamps be instructed to erect an iron lamp post at the place designated in the petition.

The committee on lamps, to whom was referred on the 19th June last, the petition of Lyman H. Bailey, to have lamps placed in Jersey street from Mercer to Bright street or to Grand street, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and it was

Resolved, That the report be received and the committee on lamps be instructed to erect iron lamp posts at the places designated in the petition.

The committee on lamps to whom was referred on the 17th July last, the petition of Elison E. Duncan and others to have a lamp placed about the middle of the block in South Fifth street between Erie st. and Jersey avenue, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and it was

Resolved, That the report be received and the committee on lamps be instructed to erect an iron lamp post at the place designated in the petition.

The committee on lamps to whom was refered on the 26th June lasthe petition of J. D. Miller and Henry A. Booraem to have street lamps placed in Prospect street at the intersections of South Sixth South Seventh and South Eighth streets and at the other intersections where none are now located reported in favor ot granting the prayer of the petitioners and it was

Resolved, That the report be received and the committee on Lamps be instructed to erect iron lamp posts at the places desifinated in the petition.

Ald. Wilson offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council for the construction of a receiving basin at the south west corner of Montgomery and Grove streets. Therefore

Resolved, Thet a receiving basin and drain be constructed at the south west corner of Montgomery and Grove streets to connect with the main sewer in Grove street, and hat Moses B. Bramhall Dudley S. Gregory and H. M. Traphagen be appointed commissioners so assess and report the estimated cost of said receiving basin and connection with main sewer in conformity with the charter, and an "ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City," approved June 28th, 1854.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been order ed and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill and Insley.

Ald Wilson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the special committee to whom was referred the supposed bribery case, on the question of granting licenses be, and is hereby authorized to employ an assistant attorney, to assist in conducting such suit as the committee may find necessary to bring against Mr. Whitlock or others. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a warrant for nineteen dollars and fifty cents be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Robert McLaughlin, for amount of premium on additional policy of Insurance on the Fourth ward public school house, insured in the New Amsterdam Fire Insurance Company of New York.

Ald Erwin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to rent for the use of the City Comptroller and Street Commissioner a room to be used for an office situated on the basement floor of the Hudson Co. Bank building at a rent not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Erwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved,That two warrants be ordered drawn in favor of the Hudson Co. Mutual Insurance Company for the sum of $25 each for one quarters rent of office for Comptroller and Street Commissioner and

for one large mahogony desk for use of Comptroller.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Wilson, Thompson and Edge.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman Keeney, Rappleyea, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Hill and Insley.

Ald Erwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Peter Dolan be, and hereby is appointed Pound-keeper of the Second ward and that he shall have the use of the public pound at the foot of Prospect street until another one may be built for him. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That Jeremiah M. Clarke be appointed Pound-keeper for the Third and Fourth wards.

Ald Green offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute declarations of sale to purchasers at the Tax sales of June and July last, and that the City Clerk is hereby empowered to have the necessary blank declarations of sale printed for the purpose. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Tyrrell offerred the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Alms be authorized to enlarge the Nursery of the Alms house so as to extend from the main building to the store house at an expense not exceeding four hundred dollars. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of furniture for the use of Diligent Hose Company No. 3.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Thompson, Edge and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hoffman and Rappleyea.

Nays—Ald Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb Davenport, and Hill.

Subsequently Ald Hoffman moved "That the vote be reconsidered by which Ald Edge's resolution was adopted."

The motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Edge, Erwin, and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Greene, Hoffman, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Edge, Erwin and Rappleyea.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb, Davenport and Hill.

Ald. Edge's resolution was then rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Edge, Erwin, and Thompson.

Yeas—Ald Clark, Edge, Erwin, and Rappleyea,

Nays—Ald Greene, Hoffman, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill and Insley.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-five dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the necessary dress, book and stationary for the Eight Fire Wardens of this city.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Thompson, Edge and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, and Rappleyea,

Nays—Ald Greene, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Hill and Insley.

The committee on schools presented contracts executed by William Powell, for extra work to be done on the Fourth ward public school house, and they were ordered to be executed on the part of the city by his honor the Mayor and City Clerk.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Ald Erwin and laid upon the table, viz :

"An ordinance to protect the health of the city of Jersey City."

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That J. C. Hardy be appointed to take charge of and keep in good order and repair the Town Clock.

On motion of Ald Wilson it was

Resolved, That the Board will now proceed to the consideration of applications for licenses to keep Inns and Taverns.

Thomas Baxter's application was taken up, on motion of Ald Erwin.

Ald Edge moved to grant the application.

On motion of Ald Thompson the application was laid upon the table.

The Special Com. to whom were referred on the 10th July last the petitions for tavern licenses then on the table, returned the same, were discharged, and the petitions were laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald Keeney, Matthew Somers application for a tavern license was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Edge moved "That the application be granted."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Keeney Rappleyea and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Thompson and Tyrrell.

(Ald Erwin obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday the 27th inst. at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M at the City Clerks office.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk

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An adjourned meeting at the City Clerk s Office, Tuesday, September 25, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, p m.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport. Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney and Rappleyea.

In the absence of the City Clerk, Ald. Davenport was appointed City Clerk pro tempore.

Petitions, communications etc. were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of Daniel Crane in respect to the Morris

Canal and Banking Company. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Communication from from the Board of Fire Wardens, asking for an appropriation of seventy-five dollars for books, stationery and uniform for said Board. Laid upon the table.

Communication from the Board of Trustees of the Jersey City Fire Department Fund Association, asking to have fifty blank Firemen's Certificates issued. Prayer of petitioners granted.

Invitation from Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, to dine with them on the 5th October next, on the occasion of receiving Diligent Co. of Philadelphia. Received and accepted.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of C. H. Winfield, $12 15. Ref. committee on laws and ordinances.

Of W. H. Horton, $26. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings

Of W. J. Stevens, $38 36. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees afterwards reported correct for the following stated amounts and the same were ordered paid:

Of S. Anness $10 38 and S. Anness, $38 21.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of W. W. Lee, $2 50; C. J. Farley, $200; R. S. Gillman, $25; I. Wakefield' $27 74; J. F. Richardson, $33 25; W. Eaton, $20 50; W. Eaton, $20 50; H. Billingsley, $26; R. & J. McLaughlin, $33 11; H. Billingsley, $26; H. Billingsley, $26; W. Eaton, $20 50; J. McDonald, $55 50; R. D. McClelland, $53 85; and J. F. Richardson, $35.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the election of James Dougherty, as a member of engine company No. 4; and the expulion of Charles M. Chatterton and John Pitts, from Engine Co. No. 5.

Communications received, ordered filed, the elections approved, and the names of the expelled members were ordered to be striken from the roll of the fire department.

The committee on laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 4th instant, a communication from James Gopsill asking for an appropriation of of $200 towards getting up a city directory, presented a favorable report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, that a warrant be drawn upon the city treasurer for the sum of fifty dollars in favor of James Gopsill, to assist him in publishing a city directory, and in consideration thereof, the said James Gopsill to furnish to this city, five of said directories. The report of the committee was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nay—Erwin.

Absent—Ald Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea and Wilson.

The committee on police and licenses to whom was was referred on the 20th inst., the petition of Joseph B. Conkling, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Report received and adopted.

The committee on police and licenses to whom was referred on the 14th August last the petition of Patrick Boylen for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Report received and adopted.

The committee on police and licenses to whom was referred on the 20th inst. the petition of Thomas Farrell for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Report received and adopted.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for thirty dollars being the balance of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating South Fifth street from Erie street to Newark avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Insley, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Hoffman.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, and Rappleyea.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That an Improvement Certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for thirty three hundred dollars being the balance of his bill for regulating South Fifth street from Erie st so Newark avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City therto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb. Davenport, Erwin, Insley, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald, Hoffman.

Absent—Ald Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Lyman, Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Insley it was—

Resolved, That the "ordinance to establish, regulate, and control a day and night police "be printed on slips under the direction of the City Clerk."

On motion of Ald. Thompson the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and it was

Resolved, That Frederick Grain be appointed Judge of Election in the First ward.

On motion of Ald Wilson the Board then adjourned.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro tem

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting at the City Clerk's office Tuesday October 2d, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Edge.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc, were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of Jacob M. Merseles for permission to lay flat stone at the foot of Montgomery street, to enable him the more easily to start his stages when loaded; said work to be done at his own expense. The petition was received, and it was

Resolved, That the petition be referred to the committee on streets with power.

Petition to have the side walk of Erie street between Pavonia avenue and North Second street flagged, and the curb and gutter set. Ref to com. on streets.

Petition of Thomas D. Jordan and others to have Bright street from Grove to Jersey street graded, &c Ref. to com. on streets.

Petition of John R. Halladay and others to have Pavonia avenue from high-water mark to Monmouth street (excepting the public or Hamilton square) regulated, &c. Ref to com on streets.

Petition of Seneca Alger and others to have a lamp placed in South First street, between Erie st. and Jersey avenue. Ref. to com on lamps.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of H. Billingsly, $26 ; William Eaton, $20 50 and J. F. Richardson, $33 25. Ref to com on lamps.

C. J. Sisson, $5574 31 ; J. B. & D. E. Culver, $164 55 and William Moore, $117 63. Ref to committee on streets.

Of R. B. Kashow, $23 03 and R. B. Kashow, $12 46. Ref to committee on finance.

Of Edward D. Reily, $6 62. Ref to committee on fire and water.

Of Edward D. Reily, $2 40. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

The committee on streets to whom was referred on the 4th September last, the claim of M Burbank, $51, returned the same, and it was then referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Hugh McFadden, $15 61 ; City Watchmen, $682 44 ; Day Policemen, $197 00 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $42 12 ; H. A. Miller & Co. $5 00 ; H. A Miller & Co. $130 57 ; J. F. Richardson, $24 75 ; G. W. Cassedy, $123 20 ; J. A. French, $36 91 ; William Anness, $15 00 ; William Hanks, $34 59 ; William Anness, $29 75 ; William Hanks, $9 32 ; William Murther, $17 75 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $100 00 ; and A. C. Dennis, $27 17.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of W. H. Horton, $26 06 ; D. & A. Mc I. Henderson, $17 32 ; B. Hughes, $537 00 ; Quaife & Otley, $12 ; A. Arbuckle, $4 75 ; C. Somers, $17 43; T. Newham, $15 00 ; H. A. Miller & Co. $110 70 ; H. A. Miller & Co. $134 19 ; H. A. Miller & Co. $123 80 ; E. B. Sippell, $235 12 ; Boyes & Sharp, $924 60 ; W. J. Stevens, $38 36 ; Quaife & Otley, $20 12 ; P. Lee, $0 50 ; and Cronham & Wetterson, $10 31.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 20th ultimo, and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Sept. 20 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

I have received, and return without my approval, a resolution passed by your honorable body (affixed to a preamble) that Mr. Wakeman the *owner of the property* be requested to refund to the city, the money heretofore paid for assessments or for the redemption of the property with interest.

The preamble sets forth that a resolution was passed by the Common Council directing the committee on finance to employ A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., to investigate and advise the Common Council whether the tract of land lying in the City South of Grand street, and north of the Morris Canal, between Henderson and Kellogg or Grove streets, belongs to the city by dedication from Cornelius Van Vorst, by map or other acts done by him, and that the said Zabriskie, has made such investigation, and reported to the Common Council, that so far as he has been able to learn, he has no hesitation in advising the Common Council that there is nothing in which to found a title to this lot by dedication.

I am inclined to believe that the preamble before me, upon which the resolution is based, is founded in error, as I have no recollection that the Common Council ever passed a resolution directing the finance committee to employ A. O. Zabriskie, to investigate this matter, and directing him to report to, and advise the Common Council in the premises. If such a resolution has been passed it has entirely escaped my notice.

There was however a resolution passed on the 21st September, 1853, directing "that it be referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings to investigate the claim of the city to the plot of ground in question, and to employ counsel if deemed necessary, and to report the result of their investigation at a subsequent meeting," but the result of the investigation of that committee has never come officially before me, nor have I been advised what action has been taken by them in the matter.

By the resolution before me you acknowledge that Mr. Wakeman is the owner of the property in question, and request him to refund to the city the money heretofore paid for assessments, &c., this course may prove correct on a further investigation, but from the limited time I have had to examine into this matter, I do not feel warranted in giving it my sanction.

By this act of your honorable body you not only surrender the right of the city, (if any,) to the plot of ground in question, but to a similar plot on the opposite side of the Canal including in all an entire block, extending from the northerly line of Grand street to the southerly line of Essex street lying between the easterly line of Henderson street and the

westerly lines of Beach and Kellogg streets, an area of 690x340 feet, and involving an intersst of some $20,000 or $30,000

I have carefully perused the opinion of A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., but do not find in the papers before me (or any report from the committee of the Common Council,) to show that the facts and information upon which the city has heretofore rested her claim, has been placed in his possession. The opinion is concluded in the following language: "From the facts that have come to my knowledge, I have no hesitation in advising the Common Council that there is nothing on which to found a title in the city to this lot by dedication."

There are some facts having a direct bearing upon this question, and which clearly indicate a public dedication of the above described block, and which seem to have been overlooked by the learned counsellor in his opinion. or possibly have not come to his knowledge. It will be seen by the map made by Jos F. Bridges for Cornelius Van Vorst, dated June 19, 1835, and filed in the County Clerk,s office on the 24th of April, 1847, and a lithographic copy of which, was authorized by said Van Vorst to be bound up in one of the books of deeds, by the deputy clerk of the town of Jersey in 1835; that all the blocks on said map are numbered except the block in controversy, and Van Vorst square, and that Grand, Kellog, Henderson, Beach and Canal streets terminate on this square, in the same manner as the streets terminate on Hamilton square, which square like this had neither name nor number on it, as will appear by reference to the dedicatory maps of C. Van Vorst and John B. Coles. C. Van Vorst by this map conveyed to Newton Hays and David A. Comstock, all his interest contiguous to this block by deeds under the date of July 1st and Nov. 6, 1835. From that time I am informed this square laid for a series of years without being taxed or assessed like other public squares." On the first of May 1846, C. Van Vorst executed a deed of grant, or of bargain and sale without covenants to Edgar B. Wakeman for that part of the block lying north of the canal for the consideration of six hundred dollars. Now if Mr. Van Vorst did not believe that he had lost his right to this property by implication or otherwise why convey it with such a deed and for such a consideration.

There is another matter which seems to have been lost sight of in the opinion before me, the authorities have long since taken possession of a portion of the square in question they have extended, graded and improved Grand, Grove and Henderson streets, within its boundaries, which streets terminate at the square by the map above referred to, and these improvements were made without any objections on the part of Mr. Van Vorst. Now, if the public authorities had the right to make these improvements within this square, they most assuredly would have the right to extend Canal street until it intersects Grand and Henderson streets. and if it should ever become necessary to extend Canal street, it would cover all the property now in question, except a very small gore at the corner of Grove and Grand streets, and a small strip at the junction of the Canal and Henderson street.

Gentlemen, these are matters in my judgment worthy of your serious consideration, and I would suggest the propriety of making up an amicable state of the case, and have it submitted to the Supreme Court of New Jersey, if arrangements can be made with Mr. Wakeman, with an agreement, that if the property shonld be awarded by said Court to Mr. Wakeman, that he shall pay the city the amount that has been advanced on the property, and if decided in favor of the city, the authorities shall pay him the amount of his advances on it.

With these considerations I return the resolution without my signature.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Tyrrell moved 'That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yea—Ald. Davenport.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Erwin Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Edge.

The City Clerk laid before the board, the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 2d October instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceeding of the common council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct 2, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return without my approval a resolution appointing J. C. Hardy to take charge of, and keep in good order and repair, the Town Clock.

The resolution, refers, I presume, to the Clock in the Tower of the Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Sussex and Washington streets. This clock was originally kept in order and repair by the city, at an expense of fifteen dollars per annum—subsequently in the year 1852 an agreement was made with Mr. William H. Horton, under the authority of a resolution, to advance the price for said work to twenty five dollars per year, commencing on the first of June of that year, since which time he has performed the labor at that price, and so far as I have been able to learn, satisfactorily to the congregation of the church, above named, as well as to the public.

Mr. Horton has already performed the labor for four months of the current year, and I can think of no good reason for dismissing him from the public service, unless Mr. Hardy is a better mechanic or will perform the same work for a *less sum*, neither of which appears from the resolution under consideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Wilson moved "that the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Edge.

A communication from the comptroller, informing the common council that he has been notified by tames S. Bishop of the expiration of time for payment of improvement certificates, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A communication from the comptroller stating that the time for redemption of property sold to the city treasurer for taxes of 1852, is about expiring, and recommending that the committee on finance be authorized to advertise the same as required by the city charter, was presented, and received, and it was

Resolved, That the committee on finance be instructed to advertise in the corporation paper, the expiration of the time for such redemption.

A communication from the comptroller, asking that some action may be taken to enable him to close on his books, several accounts outstanding, for monies expended by committees of former boards, was presented, and it was

Resolved, That the comptroller be instructed to close said accounts by carrying the amounts to the credit of the respective committees.

A communication from the board of commissioners, of estimate for assessment, in relation to W. H. Wood's claim for surveying, etc., on the improvement of Grand street between Jersey street and the Mill Creek, was presented and laid upon the table.

The special Committee appointed on the 20th ultimo, to examine into the charges against several city Watchmen, and Policemen, presented a report setting forth that they find the charges against Policemen Watts and Travis sustained the charges against officers Twybill, Meeker, Vandemark and Towle, not sustained, and that in the case of watchman Beekman the committee, no examination has been made in consequence of the non attendance of the witnesses. The report was received.

Ald. Wilson moved

"That Frederick B. Watts be dismissed from the watch department, and Michael H. Travis be dismissed from the police department for conduct at D. Rice's Circus, on the 7th September last unbecoming public officers.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Clarke, Davenport Erwin Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nay—Ald Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Edge.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, it was

Resolved, That the special committe be requested to continue their examination of the charges against watchman Beekman.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, it was

Resolved, That officer Twybill be restored to duty.

The special committee, appointed on the 7th August last, on the subject of lighting the city with gas, presented a favorable report accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the special committee, on the subject of lighting our city with gas, appointed on the 7th August last, are hereby instructed to advertise for proposals for lighting the city with gas, for erecting iron gas lamp posts, furnishing lanterns, and making the necessary connections with the mains.

Report received and resolntion adopted

The committee on finance, to whom was referred on the 20th September last, a communication from the collector of taxes, presented a report, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That L. Jaquins be and is hereby empowered to advertise in the Daily Telegraph and Jersey City Sentinel, the usual tax notice, and to have the tax bills, posters etc. printed. Report received and resolution adopted. Ald Greene from the committee on finance, offered the following resotion :

Resolved, That the resolution authorizing the issuing of Bonds to the Hudson County Bank for ten thousand dollars, passed on the 14th day of August last be and is hereby rescinded. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Greene from the committee on finance offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to issue the Bonds of the city in favor of the Hudson County Bank for fifteen thousand dollars bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent, being for the renewal of Bonds which fell due July 27, 1855 for $5000, July 28, 1855, $3000, Aug. 3, 1855, $2000 ; and Sept. 19, 1855, $5000, said Bonds to be payable on or before January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Edge.

The com. on Police and Licenses, to whom were referred the application of Robert Gibson to be appointed a City Auctioneer and his official bond as such auctioneer reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner.

The report was received.

Ald. Insley moved "That Robert Gibson be appointed a city auctioneer."

The motion was declared adopted by the followvote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Clarke, and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Greene, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Edge.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was—

Resolved, That Robert Gibsons bond as a City Auctioneer be returned to him for correction.

The committee on police and licenses to whom was referred on the 20th ult., the petition of Matthew Kelly for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables reported in favor of granting the license. Report received and adopted.

On motion of Ald Erwin it was

Resolved, That the vote by which James Gopsill's bond as a City Auctioneer was approved on the 4th September last be rescinded, and that said bond be returned to him, for correction in the amount.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That the amount of bond required from a City Auctioneer be fixed at one thousand dollars.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the aetion of the Common Council had (as appears from the minutes) on the 14th Aug. last in relation to claim No. 7410, being Bacot &

Wood's, for $700, for surveys etc., for the regulation of Grand st., be rescinded.

The Committee on streets then reported as correct for $200, the claim of Bacot & Wood, numbered 7410, amounting to $700, for surveys, &c., for the regulation of Grand street, from Jersey street to the Mill Creek. The report was received, the communication of W. H. Wood, presented on the 20th September last, relative to his claims was taken from the table and read, the report of the committee on streets or said claim was accepted, and the claim was referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that Cornelius C. Martindale, be viva voce appointed Clerk of the First Ward.

The committee on lamps to whom was referred on the 20th ultimo, the petition of John F. Trippe, to have a public lamp placed at the northeasterly corner of Erie street and Pavonia avenue, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Report received and adopted.

The following entitled ordinances were presented and laid upon the table:

By Ald. Hill.

"An ordinance to provide for repairing, refilling, resetting curb, gutter, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections in Essex street from the easterly side of Hudson street to the Morris Cannal west of Warren street."

By Ald. Thompson.

"An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the suppression of vice and immorality in Jersey City."

By Ald. Thompson.

"An ordinance to provide for the improvement of Mercer street from the middle of Greene to the middle of Washington street."

By Ald. Davenport.

"An ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five."

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald Keeney, and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on Watch be authorized to purchase for the Station house, beds and bedding, at an expense not exceeding thirty dollars.

By Ald. Davenport, and adopted—

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereay authorized to have made, at an expense not to exceed fifteen dollars a guard book for assessment maps.

By Ald Tyrrell and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on finance are hereby authorized to have made and filed in the City Clerk's office, a copy of Hill & Townsend's map, at an expense not to exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

By Ald. Tyrrell and adopted—

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to purchase, and place in his office, a copy of Nixon's Digest of the statutes of New Jersey.

By Ald. Greene, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant for three dollars and twenty three cents and the interest thereon at the rate of six per annum, from September 15, 1853, be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Benjamin O. Edge, to refund to him the purchase money and interest thereon, for a house bought by him at the Corporation sale for Taxes of 1852, no declaration of sale having been issued, the corporation having sold the house by mistake.

By Ald. Tyrrell, and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on alms be authorized to procure plans and specifications, and advertise for proposals for the erecting of an addition to the Store House on the Alms House lot extending to the main building.

By Ald. Tyrrell.

Resolved, That all Auctioneers appointed by this Common Council be required to sell in person all goods sold by them as City Auctioneers.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Erwin and Greene.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Erwin, Greene, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Edge.

By Ald. Erwin and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Robt S. Gilman for fifty dollars, being amount due him for rent of office for 1854.

By Ald Thompson and adopted.

Whereas, The charter confers no power by which individual members of the Common Council or any committee thereof, can incur any liability against the city, without being first authorized to de so, by a resolution or ordinance.

And whereas, The board is frequently embarrassed in the auditing of bills, presented for labor, goods or materials furnished for the city, which were never legally authorized.

Therefore, be It Resolved, That no bill that shall hereafter be incurred by any city officer or any member or committee of the Common Council, with out the authority of a resolution or ordinance will be entertained, audited or paid by this board.

By Ald. Insley, and laid upon the table.

Resolved, That Ald. Davenport, Wilson, Hill and Keeney be a committee to act with the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and such citizen as may be appointed by the inhabitants of each ward, to prepare and report such amendments to the City Charter as may be deemed expedient.

By Ald. Rappleyea and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby authorizad to advertise for proposals to straighten and paint the fence around Van Vorst Square and report to this board the proposals they may receive.

By Ald. Rappeleyea—

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings, be authorized to employ J. C. Hardy, to take charge of the town clock at an expense not exceeding twenty dollars.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Erwin and Rappleyea.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Insley, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Edge.

By Ald. Rappleyea, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant for six dollars be drawn on tde City Treasurer in favor of James N. Knight, for balance due him on his bill for plumbing done in Fire Engine House No. 2, which bill was ordered paid Sept. 20, 1855, but was audited for that amount less that the sum due.

Ou motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That a warrant for ninety five dollars be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Sam'l. Hetherington for fitting up the Fourth Ward Public School House with gas pipes.

On motion of Ald Davenport the report of the committee on assessments on claims of Bacot & Wood and others, presented and laid upon the table on the 20th March last. The report was considered and the claims were taken up separately and ordered paid as follows:

Bacot & Wood, $75 00; R. D. McClelland, $25; S. Quaife, $4 00; A. Wilson, $4 00; S. F. Noyes, $4 00: C. M. Holmes, $4 00; S Quaife, $4 00; and J. V. Brower, $4 00.

The claims contained in the report of the committee of E. Randall, J. V. Brower, and S. Quaife $150; and G. H. Bailey, $75, numbered 6011 and 6012, the former reported correct for $12 and the latter for the full amount, were referred to the Water Commissioners for adjustment.

On motion of Ald. Erwin, the Ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 20th September last, entitled "An ordinance to protect the health of the City of Jersey City" was taken up, and leave was granted to him to withdraw the same, and the ordinance was withdrawn by Ald Erwin.

Ald Erwin presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to protect the health of the City of Jersey City."

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell it was—

Resolved, That the action of the Common Council on the 20th ultimo, whereby Matthias Burbanks was removed from the office of pound keeper in the Fourth Ward, and Jeremiah M. Clarke, was appointed pound keeper of the Third and Fourth Wards be rescinded.

Ald. Tyrrell moved "That the report of the committee on the charges against Matthias Burbank, made to this Common Council on the 20th ult., be adopted, and that Matthias Burbank be removed from the position of Pound Keeper of the Fourth ward, for the reason set forth in the said report."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Edge.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That Jeremiah M. Clarke be appointed Pound Keeper for the Third and Fourth Wards.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's Office, Tuesday evening, October 9th, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, p.m. called by his honor the Mayor, at the request of Aldermen Greene, Clarke, Lyon, and Wilson, for the purpose of appointing a Clerk of the First Ward and rescinding the resolutions passed on the 20th ult., providing for a special election on the 9th inst., (this step being rendered necessary in consequence of there being no Ward Clerk to publish the usual election notice,) and of passing resolutions providing for a special election at a future day to fill the vacancy from the First Ward in the Common Council; of acting upon the tax ordinance for the present year; and of rescinding it deemed expedient the resolutions of the 20th ult., providing for the erection of iron gas lamp posts.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Edge, Insley, Keeney, and Rappleyea.

The call of the meeting was read.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, enclosing an invitation from the American Institute to attend their 27th Annual Fair, by delegation. Invitation accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the whole Board will attend such Fair as a delegation, and that the Mayor Common Council, City Clerk and Marshal will meet at the City Clerk's office, on the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock, A.M., to visit the fair.

The City Clerk laid before the board the following communication:

Jersey City, Oct. 4, 1855.

G. W. CASSEDY, ESQ.

Dear Sir,—I received yours of yesterday, informing me of my appointment to the office of Clerk of the 1st Ward, (by the common council.)

But I must most respectfully beg to decline the honor tendered, as I cannot perform the duties under present existing circumstances, caused by the death of the late Mr. Thos. W. Morehouse. Remaining respectfully yours.

C. C. MARTINDALE.

Ald Clarke presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decliuation of Cornelius C. Martindale to accept the appointment of Clerk of the First ward, be received and filed.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Clarke offered tha following resolution.

Resolved That the rule requiring a ballotting be suspended to enable the board to appoint viva voce, a clerk of the First ward.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Thompson David W. Stone, was viva voce appointed Clerk of the First ward.

Ald Clarke, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed on the 20th. ultimo providing for a special election on the 9th inst of an Alderman from the First ward be and the same are hereby rescinded

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolutions.

Resolved, That a special election be held in the First ward on Tuesday the twenty third day of October next to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of George D. Lyman, as a member of the Common Council, that the said election be held at the old Hook and Ladder House in Sussex street, and the polls be opened at 8 o'clock, A.M., and closed at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that the Clerk of the First Ward be directed to give the usual notice required at the annual Charter election, and in the same manner.

Resolved, That the Board of City Canvassers, (to consist of all the members of the Common Council) will meet at the City Clerk's office, on Friday, the twenty-sixth day of October next, at 5 o'clock, P.M. to canvass the returns of said special election. The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Greene the ordinance, laid upon the table on the 2d, inst., entitled "An ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five," was taken up for consideration.

On an amendment offered by Ald. Greene, to strike out eight thousand dollars and insert ten thousand dollars as the appropriation "For deficiency on sundry appropriations for the past year, commencing March 15th, 1854, and ending May 1st, 1855." The yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the call of Ald Erwin, Greene and Tyrrell, and resulted as follows:

Yeas—The President, Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Greene, Hill, Hoffmen, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Erwin, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Insley, Keeney and Rappleyea.

On the question of the adoption of Section 30, which provides that the Assessors shall assess the property of both residents and non-residents at a rate not exceeding seven mills on the dollar.

The yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the call of Ald Erwin, Greene, and Hoffman,—and resulted as follows.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Thompson and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Insley, Keeney and Rappleyea.

The ordinance was further amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Insley, Keeney and Rappleyea.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all action had by this Common Council at the adjourned Meeting held on the 20th of Sept last, with regard to erecting lamps and iron posts be rescinded. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Greene the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday, October 16th, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

The President and Ald. Davenport were absent at at the calling of the roll; but during the reading of the minutes the President appeared and took his seat, and subsequently Ald. Davenport appeared and took his seat

Absent.—Ald. Cobb.

In the absence of the President, at the opening of the session, on motion of Ald Rappleyea, Ald Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tempore*, and acted as such until the arrival of the President.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 2d inst. and of the special meeting of the 9th instant, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of William Murto and others, to have the side walk continued, curbed, and guttered, so as to form a continuation of the side walk already laid on the North side of Wayne street, and to extend to the Western boundary of the property of William Murto in the Third Ward. Ref to com on streets.

Petition of Henry French and others, to have a lateral sewer laid on the South side of Railroad avenue, between Henderson and Warren streets. Ref. to com. on sewers, the third Tuesday in November next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., appointed as the time for receiving objections to said improvement, and the usual notice of the application ordered to be published by the City Clerk.

Summons against "The Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City," issued out of the Hudson Circuit Court at the suit of Stephen Quaife. Ref to Corporation Attorney with instructions to defend the suit.

The official bond of Robert Gibson, as a City Auctioneer. Approved and ordered filed.

Affidavit of A. Brower, in respect to his claim for $24 07, for white wood for the Alms House, was presented and on motion of Ald. Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of A. Brower, for twenty-four dollars and seven cents, for amount of his bill for white wood furnished for the Alms house.

The com. on streets to whom was referred on the 7th of August last, claim numbered 7414 of F. Harter, amounting to $3, returned the same and it was referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of Jersey City Gas Light Co., $3 53 ; J. B. Stone, $30 ; T. Howe, $7 82 ; J. Pringle, $14 61 ; and $13 61 ; W. Hanks, $10 39 ; J. G. McLaughlin, $200 ; E. D. Reily, $12 51, and $4 84. Ref. to com. on public grounds and buildings.

Of James S. Noyes, $2369 44 ; Quaife & Otley, $74 ; W. G. Hunt, $50 ; and James S. Noyes, $2 38. Ref. to com. on streets.

Of Quaife & Otley, $5 12 Quaife & Otley, $19 62; Daily Telegraph, $127 95 ; and Daily Telegraph, $108 60. Ref. to com. on finance.

Of J. F. Richardson) $34 25 ; W. Eaton, $20 50 ; and W. W. Lee, $85 45. Ref. to com. on lamps.

Of Daily Telegraph, $112 50 ; and J. Z. Marinus, $345 12. Ref. to com. on salaries, offices and elections.

Of J. B. Stone, $200 ; and W. Powell, $145 12.

Ref. to joint committee on schools, and public grounds and buildings.

Of R. S. Gillman, $2. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of Day Policemen, $16. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of M. Williams, $12 50. Ref. to Committee on alms.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Of A. C. Dennis, $49 96 ; J. M. Newkirk, $6 37 ; A. C Dennis, $10 19 ; G. W. Cassedy, $53 60 ; S. A. French, $100 ; R. S. Gillman, $200 ; J. V. Hardenbergh, $137 50 ; J. Jelly, $5 ; A. T. Smith, $100 ; J. R. Halladay, $42 50 : and Kemp & Werd, $256 39.

The following communication was presented from the board of education :

At a regular meeting of the board of education, held at the city clerk's office, Tuesday evening Oct. 9, 1855. Requisitions were ordered on the common council, for the following amount in favor of the following persons respectively, by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays being taken.

A. Anderson for rent of school house 4th ward for one quarter, $75 ; F. Anness for altering registers for school No. 1, $4 50 ; Wooley & Woolsey for paints for school No. 1, $9 ; J. Slater for balance of bill for repairing school No. 1, $15 ; R. B. Earl & Co., for furniture for school No. 1, $25 31 ; A. T. Smith for salary of teachers to Nov. 1, $2,300.

Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

Ald Tyrrell moved "That the requisition from the Board of Education be laid upon the table, and that said board be requested to report to the Common Council a list of the salaries given to the teachers in the Public schools by the Board of Education."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Greene, Tyrrell and Rappleyea.

Yeas—Ald. Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald Clarke, Edge, Greene, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, and Davenport.

Ald. Greene moved "That the requisition from the Board of Education be received, filed, and that warrants for the amounts named therein, be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the parties respectively named in said requisition."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Edge, and Thompson.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Edge, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays.—Ald. Erwin, Hill, Hoffman, Insley and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of W. Eaton, $20 50; H. Billingsley, $26; J. F. Richardson, $33 25; R. B. Kashow, $23 03; R. B Kashow, $12 46 and E. D. Reily, $6 62.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on 16th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct. 15, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return herewith, without my approval a resolution, (endorsed on a petition of Sylvester Keeney and others praying for an alteration of the established grade of Coles and South 4th streets,) "that the petition be referred to the committee on streets with power.

The Charter directs that the Common Council shall not alter the grade of any street, which has been fixed by any lawful authority, and which has been built upon, unless by the consent of the owners of three-fourths of the lots fronting on the same, and with such consent, the grade can only be altered by ordinance. You will therefore see the propriety of returning the resolution without my signature as the power conferred upon the committee is not admissible by the Charter. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald Wilson moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President, and Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

The City Treasurer's report for September 1855, showing a balance of $2,293 49, in the treasury on the 1st October instant, but liable to be drawn against for improvement certificates and redemption of lots, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections, resignations, and expulsions in that department, viz:

Election of George Scheatz and Alexander Jenkins by Engine Company No. 4, and of E. O. Sewall and O. Cramsil by Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Resignation of William Howe from Engine Company No. 5.

Expulsion of J.M. Topping from Engine Company No. 4, and of Reuben McPherson from Engine Company No. 5.

Communications received, ordered filed, and the elections approved.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of the following entitled Corporation notice, viz.:—Application to have a main sewer constructed through South Seventh street, from Hudson River east of Prospect street to a point at or near the Mill Creek west of Brunswick street, with all the necessary tributaries to said Main Sewer. Report received and ordered filed.

A communication was presented from the Captain of the City Watch, reporting vacancies in the watch department, occasioned by the resignation of James P. Rainey of the Fourth Ward, and by the removal of Frederick B. Watts of the First ward. Communication received and ordered filed.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution of the 2nd instant, ordering a warrant for five hundred and thirty seven dollars to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Bernard Hughes for first quarterly payment on his contract for cleaning the streets of the city be rescinded.

The motion was adopted.

Ald. Hill moved "That a bond of the city be issued in favor of Bernard Hughes for five hundred and thirty seven dollars for the first quarterly payment due to him on the fifteenth of September last, on his contract for cleaning the streets of the city, that said bond be dated October 17, 1855, and be made payable in sixty days from its date with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum; and that the Mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute said bond under the corporate seal of the city."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, and flagging the side walks in South First street, between Grove and Prospect streets, including both intersections.

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering and flagging the side walk on the south side of Railroad avenue between Prospect street and Warren street, including the intersections."

The committee on public grounds and buildings presented four Sealed Proposals, received by them, for puttying and painting the fence around VanVorst Square. The porposals were received, opened, read, and proved to be from Henry Heywood, William Mitchell, Connor & Graham, and Edward D. Reily.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the proposals for the contract to putty and paint the fence around Van Vorst Square, just opened and read be referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings with authority to make a contract with the lowest bidder; and that the committee be instructed to insert in the contract a provision that the best of linseed oil shall be used,

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By the committee on sewers—

Whereas, application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council by John Post and others for the construction of a main sewer through Newark and Railroad avenues and Wayne st. to connect if

practicable with the sewer already built in Wayne st., from the River to Washington st., then along the above line to intersect with the contemplated main sewer in South Seventh street, or as much further as may be deemed advisable, with all the necessary basins and tributaries connecting the same, from Steuben, Greene, Washington, Warren, Prospect, and South Eighth streets, according to the general plan of sewerage; Therefore—

Resolved, That Moses B. Bramhal, Dudley S. Gregory, and H. M Traphagen, be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of said main sewer, connections and tributaries, in conformity with the Charter and an "ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City." Approved, June 28th, 1854.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb and Davenport.

By Ald. Rappleyea, and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby authorized to repair and ventilate the city prison, at an expense not to exceed thirty dollars.

By Ald Clarke, and adopted:

Resolved, that a special committee of 3 be appointed to purchase the necessary stationery and distribute the same to the several offices and departments, who are entitled to be furnished from the city treasury, and that said committee shall be authorized to contract under resolution from time to time, for all job printing required for city purposes.

Ald. Clarke, Greene and Insley were appointed such committee.

By Ald Rappleyea, and adopted—

Whereas, differences of opinion exist as to the grade of Jersey street, Therefore—

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report to this board, what is the correct grade of said street, and that said committee be authorized and instructed to employ Joseph F. Bridges to survey said street.

Ald Hill, Keeney and Rappleyea were appointed such committee.

By Ald Rappleyea, and adopted—

Resolved, That all city Surveyors appointed by this Common Council are required forthwith to give the necessary bonds of three thousand dollars each, before they proceed to do any city work.

By Ald. Rappleyea and rejected—

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby authorized to sell for a sum of not less than five hundred dollars, the rear half of the lot in Essex street, occupied by Fire Engine house No. 2, and also to sell for a sum of not less than five hundred dollars the rear half of the lot in Mercer street, occupied by the Fire Engine house No. 5.

(Ald. Davenport appeared and took his seat.)

By Ald Rappleyea.

Resolved, That two bonds of the city be issued for nine hundred and seventy dollars each, in favor of William Powell, for the balance due to him in full payment of all his contracts for the carpenters work and painting, and materials for the same of the 4th Ward Public School House; that the said bonds be dated October twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty five, and be made payable sixty days after date, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, and his Honor the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute said bonds and attach the Corporate Seal of the city to each of the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb.

By Ald. Rappleyea.

Resolved, That a city bond be issued in favor of Headden, Hughes and Van Doren, for eight hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-eight cents, for full payment to them for all masons work done by them to the Fourth ward public school house, and in full payment of all claims, which they have against said building, and also in full payment of a claim of Lewis Ryans for painting the said building, amounting to one hundred and forty two dollars, said Lewis Ryans having agreed to receipt his claim against the city for his work and materials in painting said school house, and that his honor the Mayor and the city clerk are hereby authorized to execute said bond under the corporate seal of the city, and the city clerk, before delivering such bond, is requested to receive and file in his office a receipt of said Lewis Ryans for the amount of his claim.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb.

By Ald Edge and adopted.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be authorized to make any incidental repairs that may be required by the department to an amount not to exceed $50 under the direction of the committee on Fire and Water.

Ald. Edge and Keeney obtained leave and retired.

By the Com. on streets.

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the property situated on the south side of York street between Washington and Warren streets be and are hereby directed to repair and relay the side walk in front of their premises, and when this resolution shall have been approved by His Honor the Mayor, it shall be the duty of the street Commissioner to serve a copy of the same upon the owner or occupants of each of the premises in question, and if the said work is not done in ten days after such service then it shall be the duty of the committee on streets to advertise and recive for proposals for said work and cause the same to be done without delay, and all costs and charges assessed upon the property benefitted thereby according to the provisions of the City Charter.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote,

the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge and Keeney.

By Ald Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That all warrants ordered to-night except the requisition of the Board of Education be made payable on the 20th day of December 1855.

By Ald Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be instructed to open an account with each individual appropriation, commencing with the 1st. day of May 1855. And that all the items prior to said date be posted under their respective heads as the books are now opened.

By Ald Greene and adopted—

Resolved, That the finance committee be authorized to purchase a day book and such other books as may be necessary for the proper keeping of the accounts of the City Comptroller to an amount not to exceed $25, and to purchase a stove and fixtures and wood for Comptroller's office at an expense not to exceed $12.

By Ald Greene and adopted—

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to have made a book for records of sales for assessments at a cost not to exceed eighteen dollars.

By Ald Greene—

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized to issue a bond in favor of Garret E. Winants, for $2.511, at 7 per cent. payable 20th December, being for redemption of improvement certificates now due him.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Keeney.

By Ald Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby empowered and requested to execute and deliver to purchasers at the assessment sales of July 28th and Oct. 8th 1855, the necessary declarations of sale.

By Ald Erwin.

Resolved, That the Overseer of the Poor be authorized to make purchases for the alms house and outdoor poor, to an amount not to exceed $300 under the direction of the committee on alms.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Tyrrell, Wilson and Erwin

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Hoffman, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Greene, Hill, Insley, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Keeney.

By Ald Hill—

Resolved, That the owner or owners of property on Wayne street, between Greene and Washington streets, on the North side, be, and are hereby directed to repair the side walk in front of their premises, and when this resolution shall have been approved by his honor the Mayor, it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to serve a copy of this resolution upon the owner or occupant of the premises in question, and if the said repairs are not done within ten days after such service, then it shall be the duty of the street committee to advertise and receive proposals, and cause said work to be done without delay, and that all costs and charges be assessed upon the property benefitted according to the provisions of the City Charter.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Keeney.

By Ald Erwin.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and are hereby appropriated for the purchase of furniture for the use and occupation of Diligent Hose Co. No. 3.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Erwin, Clarke and Hoffman.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Erwin, Hill, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Greene, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Keeney.

By Ald Erwin and adopted.

Resolved, That the City Auctioneers are hereby required to comply with the ordinance relative to their appointment and duties, which directs them to make under oath and deliver to the City Clerk semi-annual statements on the first days of May and November, of the total amount of goods sold, and the amount of duties collected, and to pay to the City Treasurer the amount of duties or commissions received by them as such Auctioneers.

By Ald. Thompson—

Resolved, That the bill presented by F. B. Betts, Esq., for cleaning trees, although not heretofore authorized by this board, be now ordered paid, as we believe the work was faithfully done and the charge a reasonable one.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Hoffman and Rappleyea.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Hill, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Erwin, Greene, Hoffman and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Keeney.

By Ald Clarke and adopted

Resolved, That the special committee appointed for the purpose of purchasing stationery for the city, and contracting for job printing be authorized to purchase said stationery and contract for said printing at an expense not to exceed $150.

The com. on lamps to whom was referred on the 2d inst., the petition of Seneca Alger and others to have a lamp placed in South First street, between Erie street and Jersey avenue, presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. The report was received, and it was Resolved, That its recommendation be adopted.

The following claims referred to the committee on streets at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct, and referred to the com. on assessments to be assessed.

Of J. B. & D. E. Culver, $164 55; Quaife & Otley, $12 40; Wm. Moore, $117 63; and Charles G. Sisson, $5574 31.

Ald Erwin moved to adjourn. The motion was loet.

(Ald Clarke, Edge, Hoffman, and Wilson retired.)

On motion of Ald Insley the ordinance establishing etc. a day and night police, was taken up for consideration.

Ald Tyrrell offered a substitute for the said ordinance.

On motion of Ald Davenport the ordinance and the substitute were both laid upon the table and the substitute ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance laid upon the table on the 2d inst, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for repaving, refilling resetting curb, gutter, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections in Essex street, from the easterly side of Hudson street to the Morris Canal west of Warren street."

The ordinance was amended, and the title of the ordinance was amended so as to read as follows:

"An ordinance to provide that Essex street from the easterly side of Hudson street to the Morris Canal, west of Warren street, be repaved, and refilled to the established grade, the curb and gutters reset, and bridge stone cross walks relaid at all the intersections."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Hoffman, Keeney and Wilson.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 3d July last, was taken up for consideration, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for paving Mercer st. including intersections between Washington and Warren streets."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson and Tyrrell.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Hoffman, Keeney and Wilson.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That when this board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Tuesday the 23d inst at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office. Tuesday October 23d, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Erwin' Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Thompson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Erwin the board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with resolutions of the Common Council of Jersey City, passed October 9, 1855, and approved by the Mayor of the City, Oct. 11, 1855, the Board of City Canvassers, met at the City Clerk's office, on Friday October 26th, 1855, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the return of a special election, held in the First ward of Jersey City, on Tuesday October 23d, 1855, for the election of one Alderman, from said ward, to fill the vacancy in the Common Council, caused by the resignation of George D. Lyman.

The ,Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Aldermen Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson, and George W. Cassedy, City Clerk.

Absent—Aldermen Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney and Lyon.

Mr. William H. Tufts, appeared and presented the requisite certificate of his appointment as the Judge of Election, from the First ward, to attend the meeting of the Board of City Canvassers, and to act as one of its members.

The certificate was received and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

On motion of Ald. Edge, Ald, Rappleyea was appointed chairman of the board.

The Chairman administered to each of the other members of the board, and to the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the city charter, and Ald. Wilson administered to the chairman of the board the oath required of him by the city charter, at meetings of the board of city canvassers of the returns of the annual charter elections.

Thereupon Mr. William H. Tufts, the Judge of election from the First Ward, produced the original statement, which was delivered to him by the officers of election in said ward, and the same was laid before the Board.

The Board thereupon proceeded to canvass the votes given for Alderman, at the Special election on the 23d instant.

The Board then proceeded to make a statement and final declaration of the name of the person who received the highest number of votes for the office of Alderman from the First Ward, in the place of George D. Lyman resigned.

Which statement was read by the Clerk, and signed by the officers and members of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell it was

Resolved, That the statement of this Board of City Canvassers, of the result of the Special Election, in the First Ward, held on the 23d instant, be published in the Corporation Paper.

On motion of Ald. Wilson it was

Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of this Board of Canvassers, be directed to make out and present to the Common Council for payment, the claim of this Board for their services as City Canvassers.

The minutes of the Board were then read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Clarke, the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned *sine die*.

R. R. RAPPLEYEA,
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the result of a special election held in the First Ward of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday the Twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, to elect one Alderman from said Ward, in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of George D. Lyman resigned, made by the Board of City Canvassers.

Whole number of names on the poll list, Four Hundred, 400.

Whole number of ballots rejected two, 2.

FOR ALDERMAN.

John Griffith received two hundred and twenty-nine (229) votes.

Jeremiah Haley received one hundred and seventy (170) votes.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the result of the election above mentioned, as the same is exhibited by the statement produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers, according to law; that the same exhibits the number of the names of the voters in the poll book of the First Ward of Jersey City, and of the ballots rejected; the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given; the number of votes given for each person, and the whole number of votes given for each person for the office of Alderman; as they appear by the statement so produced and laid before the said Board.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

J. R THOMPSON,
H. E. INSLEY,
WM. CLARKE,
S. R. TYRRELL,
M. ERWIN,
J. G EDGE.
ALEX. WILSON,
W. H. TUFTS.
} Members of the Board of City Canvassers.

R. R. RAPPLEYEA,
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers relative to a special election, held in the First Ward of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday the twenty third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five-five, for the election of one Alderman from said First Ward, in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of George D. Lyman resigned.

The said Board do determine and declare that at the said special election, John Griffith having received the highest number of votes for the office of Alderman above mentioned, was duly elected an Alderman from the First Ward of Jersey City in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of George D. Lyman resigned.

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full, and correct statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

J. R. THOMPSON,
H. E. INSLEY,
WM. CLARKE,
S. R. TYRRELL,
M. ERWIN,
J. G. EDGE,
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GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular meeting at the city clerk's office, Tuesday, November 6th, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Edge.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 16th ult'mo, and of the adjourned meeting of the 23d ult., were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc, were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Edward Coles to be appointed one of the city surveyors. Prayer of the petitioner granted.

Official bond of Edward Coles as a city surveyor. Approved and ordered filed.

Petition of D. S. Gregory and others for the privilege, at their own expense, to regulate and pave, lay bridge stones and cross walks on Gregory street, from Van Vorst street to its junction with York st., the same to be done under the direction of the com. on streets.

On motion of Ald Hill, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, provided that the work be done under the direction of the committee on streets, and the committee be authorized to employ a superintendent of the work, at the expense of the petitioners.

Petition of Charles T. Betts and others to have a lamp and post placed on the north west corner of Barrow and Bright streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Official bond of Delos E. Culver, as a City Surveyor. Approved and ordered filed.

Official bond of Isaac B. Culver, as a City Surveyor. Approved and ordered filed.

Communication from William Pile, in relation to a lot bought by him at the tax sale of September 15th, 1853, not correctly advertised for sale, asking to have the purchase money and subsequent taxes paid by him on said lot, refunded with interest. Ref to committee on finance.

Communication from Geo. A. Vroom in relation to a lot bought by him at tax sale of September 15th, 1853, not correctly advertised for sale, asking to have the purchase money with interest, refunded to him. Ref to committee on finance.

Communication from Board of Commissioners of Assessments in relation to the assessment and bills for the regulation of York street, from Henderson to Jersey street, accompanied by the claims of Charles G. Sisson, $5574 31, and William Moore, $117 63. Communication referred to committee on streets for consideration, and the bills referred back to the committee on streets for correction.

Official bond of James Gopsill as a City Auctioneer Approved and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Of W. A. Cummings, $6835 03; W. Moore, $118 75; Quaife & Otley, $104 20 and James F. Fielder & Co. $17 70. Ref. com. on streets.

Of G. F. Cutler, $10, and C. Van Brunt $323 25. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of J. F. Richardson, $19 15. Ref. to com. on watch.

Of Isaac W. Scudder, $50. Ref. to com. on laws and ordinances.

Of Hugh Billingsley, $27, and J. F. Richardson, $31. Ref. to com. on lamps.

Of Water Commissioners, $68 64 and Peter Dolan, $9. Ref. to com. on finance.

Of Trenton State Gazette, $4 75. Ref. to special com. on lighting the city with gas.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Education:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education held at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday evening, October 9, 1855. A requisition was ordered on the Common Council in favor of S. Davidson, for $19 03 for lumber for Public School house No. 1, and at a regular meeting of the Board held at the same place, Tuesday evening Aug. 14, 1855, a requisition was ordered on the Common Council in favor of C. Shepherd & Co. for $86 23 for Books and Stationery furnished the Public Schools. Both of which requisitions were ordered by the votes of all the members present at said several meetings the yeas and nays being taken.

Extract from the Minutes,

D. GOULD, Clerk.

Communication received, ordered filed, and warrants ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the parties named in the requisition, and for the amounts respectively named.

Reports and communications from city officers were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Communication from his Honor the Mayor enclosing three summonses under the lien law served upon him on the 1st instant, at the suit of James Hetherington Edward Woods and William Atheson, for wood and materials for the Fourth Ward Public School House. Ref. to Corporation Atty.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney, enclosing a proposition from the Long Dock Associates and the North Cove Company in relation to taxation of their property. Laid upon the table.

Report from city treasurer for October 1855, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st November instant, amounting to $50.78 81, most of which is subject to drafts for improvement certificates and redemption of lots. Ref. to Com on Finance.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney enclosing a copy of the opinion of the Chancellor in suit of the Morris Canal and Banking Company against the city. Ordered filed.

Communication from the Captain of the Watch, reporting that there are three vacancies in the watch department, viz.: one in each of the 1st, 3d, and 4th Wards. Ordered filed.

Communication from the City Treasurer, reporting that one hundred and fifty dollars have been deposited in the treasury to defray preliminary expenses of building a sewer in Railroad and Newark avenues to connect with the sewer in South Seventh street and with the sewer in Wayne street. Ordered filed.

Reports by the City Clerk of publication of the the following Corporation notices, viz.:

Application to have Bright street from Grove to Jersey street, graded, &c.

Application to have the side walk flagged, and the curb and gutter set in Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and North Second street.

Application to have Pavonia avenue from High

Water Mark to Monmouth street (except the Public or Hamilton square) regulated, &c.

Notice of passage of a resolution providing, declaring the sunken lots on the north side of Montgomery street, and east of Jersey street to be a nuisance. Reports ordered filed.

Reports by committees were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

The committee on streets reported the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks and bridge stone at all the intersections in Pavonia avenue from high water east of Prospect street to Monmouth-st.; except the Public or Hamilton square, and that portion of said avenue lying between said Public square and high water mark aforesaid paved." Ordinance laid upon the table.

The committee on subject of lighting the city with gas, verbally reported that they had advertised for proposals for the contract to light the city with gas, had received two proposals, and asked for an extension of the advertisement.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the special committee on the subject ng of lighting the city with gas, be empowered to extend the time named in their advertisement for receiving proposals to the third Tuesday in the present month.

(The President called Ald Davenport to the chair, and retired.)

The special committee to whom was referred on the 20th September last the charges against Jacob T. Beekman, returned the same, and verbally reported that Mr. Beekman having resigned from the watch department, further action by the committee is unnecessary. The special committee was, on motion, discharged.

The committee on assessments presented the assessment for the regulation of Grand street from Jersey street to Mill Creek, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the Board of Commissioners of Assessments report and assessment map, for the regulation of Grand street, from Jersey street to Mill Creek, is on file in the City Clerk's office, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in November next, to hear and consider any objections which may be presented in writing thereto. The resolution was adopted

The com. on assessments presented the assessment for filling in sunken lots on Bright street, between Barrow street and Jersey avenue, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the Board of Commissions of Assessments, report, and assessmap for filling in sunken lots on Bright street, between Barrow street and Jersey avenue, is on file in the City Clerk's office, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber on the third Tuesday in November next, to hear and consider any objections which may be presented thereto in writing. The resolution was adopted.

The com. on salaries, offices and elections, to whom was referred on the 16th ultimo, claim of Jacob Z. Marinus, numbered 7562, amounting to $345 12, returned the same and it was referred to the Com. on laws and ordinances

The com. on public grounds and buildings reported adversely to the payment of claim of Matthias Burbanks, numbered 7446, amounting to $38. Report adopted.

Motions, resolutions, &c, were offered and disposed of as fellows:

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the vote be rescinded by which was passed on the 16th ultimo an ordinance, providing for the repaving, &c. of E-sex street from the easterly side of Hudson street to the Morris Canal west of Warren street.

On motion of Ald Wilson it was

Resolved, That Moses B. Bramhall, Dudley S. Gregory, and Henry M. Traphagen who were appointed but have failed to qualify as commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost and expenses of constructing a receiving basin and drain at the south-west corner of Montgomery and Grove streets to connect with the main sewer in Grove street, be reappointed such commissioners.

Ald. Wilson moved

"That so much of the resolution passed October 16th, 1855, and approved October 22d, 1855, which names the commissioners for assessing the expenses of constructing a main sewer through Newark and Railroad avenues and Wayne street, &c, be rescinded, and that James Flemming, John W. Parker and Harvey M. Soule be appointed such commissioners"

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Clark, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, Wilson. Nays—none.

Absent—The President and Ald Edge.

By Ald Griffith and adopted—

Resolved, That all warrants ordered at this meeting be made payable on or after the 25th of Dec. 1855.

By Ald Rappleyea and adopted

Resolved, That the committee on alms are hereby authorized to purchase paint, for the purpose of painting the alms house; said purchase to be made to an amount not to exceed fifty dollars.

By Ald Rappleyea:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby authorized, in connection with the street commissioner, to purchase and plant trees in and around Van Vorst square, at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; said work to be done in conformity with an ordinance approved June 8th 1855, entitled "an ordinance to provide for the regulating and embellishing the public squares in Jersey City, but not until after the correct grade of Jersey street be ascertained and filed.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea Cobb, and Greene.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Erwin, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Cobb, Davenport, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald Edge.

By Ald Thompson and adopted—

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cancel of record, the sale by the corporation of Jersey City, on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, of property sold in the name of the Morris Canal Company, and of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Company, for for taxes of 1852; the property of said companies, under the provisions of the Charter being exempt from taxation by the city.

By Ald. Thompson and adopted—

Whereas, The Morris Canal and Banking Company, claim by their Charter, to be exempt from city taxation, on all property owned and occupied by them, for canal purposes, and it is yearly giving rise to discussion and dispute what amount of real estate they can hold, and the same to be exempt from taxation. Therefore—

Resolved, That the Morris Canal and Banking Company be, and are hereby requested to prepare a map of all property claimed by them under the Charter, to be exempt from taxation, and present the same to this Board, which if correct shall be filed with the City Clerk for further reference.

By Ald Insley and adopted—

Resolved, That the committee on police and licenses be authorized to purchase beds, bedding and other furniture for the use of the city prison at an expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

By Ald Greene and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant, be drawn in favor of Henderson & Wilson for three hundred dollars being amount due them on acceptance of order on Mayor and Common Council for stone furnished for School House No. 2.

By Ald Hoffman.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby empowered to purchase of Hiram Gilbert for the sum of one thousand dollars, parts of lots 22, 23, and 24 South 5th st., on block 127, said parts forming a piece of ground twenty-five feet wide by fifty-eight deep, and are to be used for the erection of a house or houses for the fire department, provided that Mr Gilbert will take a bond of the city in payment of the purchase money, said bond to be made payable in five years, with interest at 7 per cent per annum.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered, and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Hoffman and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald Greene, Hoffman, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald Edge.

By Ald Thompson and adopted:

Resolved, That the city clerk is hereby authorized to have the city maps on file in his office, mounted and framed, at an expense not to exceed the sum of one dollar each.

On motion of Ald Thompson it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee, in connection with Alderman Keeney, be authorized to effect a loan to the city of twenty-five thousand dollars for a period of fifteen years, for which the bonds of the city shall be issued with interest payable half yearly at six per cent per annum; said sum of money to be appropriated for the erection of public buildings.

(Ald Green obtained leave and retired.)

The joint com. on public grounds and buildings and schools, presented a claim of William Camp & Co., amounting to $16.58 79 for work and materials for Fourth Ward Public School house, with a report of its correctness endorsed therein by said joint committee.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution in relation to the claim:

Resolved, That a bond for sixteen hundred fifty-eight 70-100 dollars be issued to Wm. Camp & Co., being for the amount due him on contract for furnaces, ventilators, &c. on school house, No. 2, said bond being for forty days, and bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent., and that the Mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to execute the said bond.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, Wilson. Nay—Ald Erwin.

Absent—The President and Ald Edge.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the following entitled ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 21 ultimo, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the improvement of Mercer street from the middle of Greene to the middle of Washington street.

The ordinance was amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas.—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald Edge and Greene.

On motion of Ald Clarke it was—

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to procure a dye, and purchase the official emblems for the members of the Common Council, as provided for in the salary ordinance.

Ald Clarke, Thompson and Cobb were appointed such committee.

The committee on streets to whom were referred on the 16th ult., claims of J. S. Noyes, $2369 44; Quaife & Otley, $71; and William G. Hunt, $50; reported the same as correct, and they were then referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed.

The following claims presented in the early part of the meeting were reported correct for the following named amounts, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of Ingham & Hall, $2 37: Hudson County Mutual Insurance Co., $25; Knickerbocker Ice Co., $10 81: Hiram Gilbert, $25; G. W. Cassedy, $5; David Bedford, 25; N Ellis, $40 32; A. T. Smith, $100; Officers of election in 1st ward, $17 50, G. W. Cassedy, $250; Board of City Canvassers, $21 50; James S. Noyes, $2 38; G. E. Cutter, $125; City Watchmen, $671 77; R. D. McClelland, $125; Michael Killen $3: Drayton & Durant, $79 48; Drayton & Durant, $89 81: Edward Hope jr., $13 25; James S Noyes, $223 92; and Estate of D. B. Wakeman, $20 90.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct

and ordered paid: Of Day Policemen, $16; Daily Telegraph, $127 75; Daily Telegraph, $108 60; Quaife & Otley, $5 12; Quaife & Otley, $19 62; W. W. Lee, $85 45; J. F. Richardson, $34 30; W. Eaton, $20 50; J. Pringle, $13 61; F. Harter, $3; E. D. Reily, $12 51; W. Hanks, $10 39; Daily Telegraph, $112 50; C. H. Winfield, $12 45; W. Powell, $145 12; M. Williams, $12 50; J. G. McLaughlin, $200; J. B. Stone, $30; E. D. Reily, $4 84; and E. D. Reily, $2 40

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct for the following named amounts and said amounts were ordered paid, viz:

Of J. H Baldwin, for $5 40 J. V. Metlar, for $21; and J. B. Stone, $75.

On motion of Ald Insley it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at the City Clerk's office on Tuesday the 13th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday, November 13th, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Greene and Keeney.

Petitions, communication etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Petition of George McLaughlin and others to have Bay street paved etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of George McLaughlin and J. D. Miller to have a lamp placed on the south west corner of Prospect and Bay streets, and also one on the north side of Bay street, about two hundred feet from Grove street. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Narration and bill in case of Stephen Quaife against the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City. Ref. to Corporation Attorney.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Education, and the invitation contained in it accepted.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Recorder's office, Tuesday evening Nov. 13, 1855, it was on motion, Resolved that the new School house in the Fourth ward be formally opened and dedicated, on Tuesday the 20th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, and the Board of Education of Hoboken and Hudson City respectively be invited to attend and assist on the occasion.

Extract from the minutes. D. GOULD, Clerk.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Of F. Perrelt, $66 51; Pine & Hartshorne, $23 50, and Marshal & Morris $35 44 Ref to committee on fire and water.

Of W. Whitley, $175; and W. J. Stevens, $10. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of W. Hanks, $402 92. Ref. to a special committee, consisting of Ald Hoffman, Griffith and Wilson.

Of H. Steele, $1 75. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Laborers on streets, $36 18. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of W Hanks, $43 97; Marshal & Morris, $2; $1 75 cents; John Crow, $1 81, and Jasper Wandle, $62 50 Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of D. & A. McI Henderson, $40 83. Ref to joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings.

A report from the Chief of Police of the transactions of the Police Department from September 1st 1855, up to the 13th November inst., was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the minutes.

Said report being as follows:

To the Honorable, the Common Council.

Gentlemen—In compliance with instructions of the committee on police and licenses, I submit the following report of the transactions of this Department from September 1st 1855, up to the present time.

There have been fifty arrests in the above mentioned time for offenses as follows, viz:—Malicious Mischief, 2; Confirmed Drunkenness, 3; Prostitution and Vagrancy, 4; Vagrants, 3; Assault and Battery, 3; Larceny, 7; Assaulting officer, 1; Drunkenness in the streets, 20; Drunk and Fighting, 5; Abusing Family, 1; Grand Larceny, 1, Total, 50

The arrests were made by the officers as follows, viz: Chief, 14, Fairbanks, 6; Treadwell, 21; Ayres, 5; Travers, 1; Clarke, 2; Kittle, 1, Total, 50.

Of these 22 were committed to the City Prison; 17 to the County Jail; 5 were fined; 5 discharged or acquitted, and 1 was bailed and fined

There has been no prosecution for violation of city ordinances in the above mentioned time.

There has been $15 of fines collected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES J FARLEY, Chief of Police.

Dated Nov. 13th, 1855

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the following elections by that department, viz:

Charles J Gilbert by Hook and Ladder Co No. 2; Philip C. Rogers, by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; George Boorman, A. M. Conover, and John Lincks, by Hose Co. No. 2. Communications received, and elections approved.

The President appointed Ald. Griffith a member of all the committees of which ex-Alderman Lyman was a member, and to the same positions on said committees formerly occupied by him.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald Thompson and adopted.

Whereas, The members of the Unitarian Church, at the corner of York and Barrow sts., have requested that a gas lamp be placed in front of their church, and they will agree to light and extinguish said lamp without charge to the city, therefore

Resolved, That the committee on lamps be authorized to cause said lamp to be erected in the above named position.

By Ald Wilson and adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution passed on 6th November, 1855, appointing James Flemming, J. W. Parker, and H. M. Soule, as commissioners of assessment, for assessing the cost of the sewer in Wayne st. and rescinding a part of a former resolution in re

lation to said improvement, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

By Ald Wilson and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars, be deposited with the city treasurer, by the applicants, for the sewer in South 7th street, from the Hudson River to a point at or near Mill creek, to defray the expences in case the application does not pass this common council.

By Ald Rappleyea and rejected:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings, are hereby authorized, in connection with the street commissioner, to purchase and plant trees in and around Van Vorst square, at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; said work to be done in conformity with an ordinance approved June 8th 1855, entitled "an ordinance to provide for the regulating and embelishing the public squares in Jersey City, but not until after the correct grade of Jersey street be ascertained and fixed.

By Ald. Rappleyea

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, are hereby authorized to have the desks in the Common Council Chamber, belonging to the city, painted and grained at an expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Erwin, Rappleyea and Hoffman:

Yeas—The President, Ald Erwin, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Griffith, Hill and Hoffman

Absent—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Greene, and Keeney.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the preamble and resolution be rescinded, which were passed on the 16th ultimo, providing for the appointment of a Special Committee of three to ascertain the correct grade of Jersey street, and authorizing said committee to employ Joseph F. Bridges to survey said street.

Ald Hill offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, difference of opinion exists as to the grade of Jersey street, Therefore—

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report to this board, what is the correct grade of said street, and that said committee be authorized and instructed to employ a city surveyor to survey said street.

Ald Hill, Keeney and Rappleyea were appointed suchcommittee.

On motion of Ald Insley the Ordinance presented September 4th, 1855, to establish, &c. a day and night police, was taken up for consideration and read, and on motion of Ald Tyrrell his substitute for said Ordinance presented October 16, 1855, was also taken up for consideration and read.

Ald Tyrrell moved "That the original Ordinance be amended by the substitution of his Ordinance" The motion was rejected.

On motion of Ald Thompson the Ordinance was laid upon the table again.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, certain charges having been made against Peter Dolan, pound keeper for the 1st and 2d wards, and as the city charter requires, that all persons against whom charges are made may have an opportunity of being heard in his defence, Therefore be it

Resolved, That a committe of three be appointed to investigate the charges made against Peter Dolan and report the same to the Common Council

Ald Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That a commitee to consist of two Aldermen from each Ward to be appointed by the Chair, and two citizens from each ward to be appointed by his Honor the Mayor, together with the Mayor (who shall be the Chairman of said Committee.) be constituted for the purpose of preparing amendments to the City Charter; which amendments, when completed, shall be submitted by said Committee to a public meeting of our citizens for their approval.

The President appointed the following Aldermen as the members of the Committee from the Common Council.

First Ward—Ald. Griffith and Thompson; Second Ward—Ald. Wilson and Erwin; Third Ward—Ald Hill and Insley; Fourth Ward—Ald Rappleyea and Hoffman.

On motion of Ald Davenport, the President of the Board was added to the Committee as one of its members.

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to get 16 copies of the manuals of the Common Council for the years of 1853 and 1854, bound in 2 volumes and hat the members of this Board pay the expenses of the same.

On motion of Ald Erwin the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday November 20th 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarge, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Edge.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 6th instant, and of the adjourned meeting of the 13th instant, were read and approved.

Petitions, Communications etc. were presented, received and disposed of as follows.

Petition of James Murtagh for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Ref to a com. on police and licenses.

Petition of John Niblo and others to have graded, curbed and paved so much of the side walk lying on the south side of Sussex street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets, as is not already paved. Ref. to com. on streets.

Copy of a rule of the Hudson Circuit Court, in the case of Hutton and Lacy against the city and Wm. Connelly, under the lien law. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Narration under the lien law in the case of Hutton & Lacy against the city and William Connelly. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of John Flanagan and others to have South Seventh street between Monmouth and Brunswick streets regulated, graded, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

The following communication from the Board of Education.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education, held at the City Clerk's office Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, 1855.

The committee on teachers and salaries to whom had previously been referred the communication of G. H. Linsley Esq., Principal of public school No. 1, asking an increase of salary presented a report recommending that his salary be increased $200 per annum, to take effect from the commencement of the present term, and that the Clerk be requested to notify the Common Council of the same, on motion it was resolved that the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

Extract from the minutes. D. GOULD, Clerk.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

Notice of the action of the Board of Education as above was sent to you immediately thereafter, but as I am informed it was never presented before you I suppose it was lost or mislaid—and I send you a second copy. Yours respectfully,

D. GOULD.

Jersey City, Nov. 19, 1855.

The communication was ordered filed.

Ald. Greene moved "That the action of the Board of Education increasing the salary of the Principal of public school No. 1, be concurred in by this Common Council."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having beed ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Hoffman and Cobb.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Griffith, Hoffman, and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Edge.

The following requisition, from the board of Education, was presented, and a warrant for the amount ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of S. Davidson.

At a meeting of the board of education, held Oct. 9, 1855; a requisition was ordered on the Common Council, in favor of S. Davidson for $19 03, by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays being taken.

Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

Seven remonstrances against the confirmation of the assessment for the regulation of Grand street from Jersey street to Mill Creek

Ref. to committee on streets with power to employ other surveyors, and parties to assist them in resurveying the work if the committee deem it necessary to do so.

The following requisition was presented from the board of education, and a warrant for the amount named therein, was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the Daily Telegraph.

At a meeting of the board of education held Nov. 13, 1855, a requisition was ordered on the common council, in favor of the Daily Telegraph, for $2, by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays being taken. Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

The following requisition was presented from the board of education, and warrants for the amounts named therein, were ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the claimants:

At a meeting of the board of education, held at the city clerk's office, Nov 19, 1855, requisitions were ordered on the common council. for the following claimants and in favor of the following persons, by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays being taken :

S.R.Tyrrell $31 25 ; Lewis Ryans, $9 75 ; Anthony & Ford, $1 47 ; Geo. H. Swords & Co., $17 45 ; W. Powell, $54 ; Marshall & Morris, $6 75 ; Robert B. Earl & Co., $18 ; Ingraham & Stedman, $21 ; Ira Clark, $8

Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

The following communication was presented from the board of education :

At a meeting of the board of education, held Nov 19, 1851, a bill of Robert Paton, for the furniture of public school No. 2, having been presented, was duly audited, and thereupon a requisition was ordered on the common council, for four bonds of $500 each, in favor of Robert Paton, said bonds to bear interest and to be payable six months after the date thereof pursuant to a resolution of the common council, passed July——, and approved July——, 1855, said requisition having been ordered by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays being taken.

Extract from the minutes.

D. GOULD, Clerk.

Ald Greene offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That four bonds of $500 each, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, in favor of R Patten, being the amount due him for school house furniture

said bonds to be drawn, payable at six months, and to bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent.—Ald Edge.

Petition of Samuel H. Many and others to have the First and Second wards lighted with gas. Laid upon the table, and subsequently taken up for consideration.

When under consideration Ald. Hill moved.

"That the petition be referred to th special committee on lighting the city with gas."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Tyrrell and Hoffan.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Hill, Hoffman, Insley and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Edge.

Ald. Griffith not voting, having been excused from doing so, being a director in the Jersey City Gas Light Company.

Ald Tyrrell moved "That the petition be laid upon the table."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Hill, Tyrrell and Hoffman.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Edge.

Ald Griffith not voting, having been excused from doing so.

On motion of Ald Thompson the petition was then referred to the committe on lamps.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Of G. D. Hancox, $12; C. G. Sisson, $39 42. Ref to com. on streets.

Of D. L. Reeve. $50; J. B. Dunn, $20. Ref to com. on salaries, offices and elections.

Of G. D. Hancox, $8 78; Lewis Ryans, $49 75 Ref to com on schools.

Of Isaac Wakefield. $5 62. Ref to com. on watch.

Of Day Police, $127 50. Ref to com. on police and licenses.

Of Daily Telegraph, $93 29. Ref to com. on finance.

Of Isaac Wakefield, $8 88. Ref to com on lamps.

A claim of the corporation of Jersey City against Wm. White, for earth taken from the northerly half of York street, between Barrow and Jersey streets, fronting Van Vorst Square, amounting to $61 18, was presented and referred to the Corporation Attorney for collection,

A claim of A. C. Dennis, $97 91, was presented, referred to com. on alms, reported correct and then referred to a special com. consisting of Ald. Wilson, Griffith and Greene.

Reports by the city clerk of publication of the following entitled corporation notices were presented, received, and ordered filed.

"Application to have side walk on the north side of Wayne street, curbed, continued &c.

"Application to have a lateral sewer laid down on the south side of Railroad avenue, between Henderson and Warren streets."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of Grand street from Jersey street to the Mill Creek."

"Confirmation of Assessment for filling in sunken lots on Bright street between Barrow st. and Jersey avenue"

The special committee on the subject of lighting the city with gas, reported four proposals received by them in answer to their advertisement for proposals to light the city with gas.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from

Van Cleeve, Mc Kean, Dripps & Co., L. R. Titus.

The Jersey City Gas Light Co (accompanied by a bond for the fulfillment of the contract)

J. B. Ward, of Newark (accompanied by an agreement signedby John G. McLaughlin to become surety for the performance of the contract in case it shall be given to Mr Ward.)

The proposals and accompanying papers were referred to the special committee on lighting the city with gas, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the common council.

The com. on the finance reported as correct the following reports of the City Treasurer, viz.: annual report to March 16, 1855, and his monthly reports for March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October, 1855, and as correct the Comptroller's monthly reports to the finance committee for the eight months ending November 1st, 1855. Reports received and ordered filed.

The com. on streets to whom were referred on the 6th inst. for correction, the claims of Charles G. Sisson, and William Moore, on improvement of York street from Henderson street to Jersey street reported the former correct for $5,525 69, and the latter for $115 62, and returned the communication of the commissioners of assessments, referred at the same date. The claims were referred to the com. on assessments.

Resolutions were reported by Ald. Davenport from the com. on assessments and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That three per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of assessment for filling sunken lots on Bright street between Barrow street and Jersey street, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder & Co., for one hundred thirty seven dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of their bill for filling sunken lots on

Bright street between Barrow street and Jersey-st, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, tha yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Quaife & Otley, for twelve dollars and forty cents, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for filling sunken lots in Bright street between Barrow street and Jersey street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keoney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Patrick McPhalin, for one thousand dollars being an account of his bill for regulating SouthThird street between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, as per certificate of city surveyors, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and and Wilson

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge.

The committee on streets to whom were referred on the 6 h inst., the claims of W. A. Cummings, $6835 03; Quaife & Otley, $104 20, and William Moore, $118 75, for services and materials in the improvement of Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street or Plank Road, reported said claims correct, and they were then referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed.

The special committee to whom was referred on the 13th inst, the claim of Wm. Hanks, amounting to $402 92, for building addition to the alms house, reported said bill correct for $340, "provided the necessary affidavit be attached thereto." The report was accepted, and the committee instructed to request Mr. Hanks to file in the City Clerk's office the required affidavit.

The Com. on lamps reported in favor of granting the prayer contained in the petition referred to said committee on the 13th inst., of George McLaughlin and J. D. Miller for the erection of a lamp on the south west corner of Prospect and Bay streets, and one on the north side of Bay street two hundred feet from Grove street.

Report received, and its reccommendation adopted

The com. on lamps, reported in favor of granting the prayer contained in the petition, referred to the committee on the 6th inst of Charles T. Betts and others, to have a lamp placed on the north west corner of Barrow and Bright streeets. Report received and its reccommendation adopted.

On motion of Ald Hill the order of business was suspended, and on motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that Jarvis L. Ayres be appointed viva voce a watchman from the Third ward.

On motion of Ald Erwin it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended and that James McDonald be viva voce appointed a watchman from the First ward.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of R. S. Gillman, $2; Isaac Wakefield, $22 42; J. A. French, $41; G. D. Hancox, $24 25; G. W. Cassedy, $7 and Jersey City Courier, $5.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of J. F. Richardson, $31 and $19 75; H. Billingsley, $26; H Steel, $1 75; Laborers on Streets, $36 18; I. W. Scudder, $50; W. Whitley, $175; W. J. Stevens, $10; J. Crow, $1 81; Marshall & Morris, $1, $2 and 75 cents; Thomas Howe $7 82; Jasper Wandle, $62 50; G E. Cutter, $10; D & A. McI. Henderson, $40 83; Charles Van Brunt, $323 25 and Jersey City Gas Cight Co., $3 53.

The claim of W. Hanks, numbered 7621, referred to committee on public grounds and buildings on the 13th inst., was reported correct for $37 97, and that amount was ordered paid.

The following claims reported correct and laid upon the table on the 14th August last, were taken up and ordered paid.

John O. Connell, $2; Hutton & Lacy, $14 75 Woolsey & Woolsey, $0 38, and D. & A. McI. Henson, $14 44.

Ald. Griffith offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Edgar B. Wakeman in regard to the title of the basin land situated on Grand street, and report at their earliest convenience. The resolution was adopted, and Ald Griffith, Hill and Cobb were appointed such committee.

Ald Greene offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be and are hereby authorised to repair No 4 Hose House, at an expense not to exceed $25. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Greene offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the resolution authorizing a warrant to be drawn in favor of Henderson & Wilson, for $300, passed November 6th 1855, be and is hereby rescinded and that the said claim with all other unpaid claims against Public School House No. 2 be referred to a special committee.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald Greene, Cobb, and Insley were appointed such committee.

Ald Griffith offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on finance are

hereby instructed to publish in the corporation paper for sixty days a notice of the expiration of the time for redeeming property sold by this corporation on the 1st February 1854, for taxes and assessments

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That a warrant for forty-five dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut for renewal of policy of insurance on Public School House No. 1, insured in the city by Policy No. 8325

(Ald Keeney obtained leave and retired.)

Ald Hoffman moved to adjourn.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on then on the call of Ald Cobb, Insley and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Greene, Griffith, Hoffman, Rappleyea. Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Erwin. Hill, Insley and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald Edge and Keeney.

On motion of Ald Insley the ordinance on the table establishing, &c., a Day Police, was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was discussed, and then laid upon the table again.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday November 27, at four o'clock, P.M., called by His Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the Assessor's tax book for the current year.

Present—The President and Ald Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent.— Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Hoffman, Insley and Keeney.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell the Board adjourned to meet again, at the City Clerk's office at 7 1-2 o'clock the same evening.

GEO W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned Special Meeting, at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday, November 27, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk

Present—Ald Cobb, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene and Hoffman.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, Ald Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tempore.*

The call of the meeting was read.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the Assessor's tax list for the present corporation year, received by him this evening, and said tax list was received and ordered to filed in the City Clerk's office.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the City Clerk's office. Tuesday December 4th. 1855. at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, the board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill. Hoffman, Insley, Keeney. Rappleyea. Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—The President.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, Ald Greene was appointed President pro tempore

The minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read, amended so as to read that Ald Griffith is a *Stockholder* instead of *Director*, in the Jersey City Gas Light Company, and as amended approved; and the minutes of the special meeting and adjourned special meeting held on the 27th ultimo, were read and approved.

Petitions, Communications etc., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of A. T. Smith and others, to have South First street from one hundred and forty feet west of Erie street to Coles street filled up to the established grade, paved, etc.

Ref. to com on streets.

Petition of Michael Mullone and others for the passage of an ordinance to grade, and pave Warren-st., between Montgomery and Morgan-st. Ref. to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Of W. L. Ormsby, for 50 blank firemen's certificates, $7 50; and R. B. Kashow for assessment sales book and Guard book for assessments, ordered by resolution of Common Council, $33: and of D. S. Gregory, for one years rent of City Prison building due October 23d 1855. $210.

Warrants were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the claimants for the amount of their claims.

Of J. F. Richardson $34 25; W. Eaton, $20 50; A. H. Miller & Co. $11 48; A. H. Miller & Co. $124 82; A. H. Miller & Co. $123 13; James McDonald, $54; and H. Billingsley, $26. Ref. tocommittee on lamps.

Of Quaife & Otley, $17 50. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of S. Randle. $25 43; Smith Mead, $16 65; W. Powell, $24; and E. D. Reily, $52 92. Ref to com. mittee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Walter Rutherfurd, $30. Ref to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8. Ref to com on watch.

Of G. Cooper, $6. Ref to com on police and licenses.

Of Henry V. Schenk, $11 50; Peter Farmer $83; James McDonald, $5; W. H. Murphy, $4 50; and Jacob Erwin, $222 72. Ref to com on alms.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of L. T. Stowell, $18 13; Nathaniel Ellis, $34 20; Kemp & Ward, $180 29; J. A. French, $28 47; Edward Hope, jr., $4; Drayton & Durant, $107 03; James Gopsill, $400; Ira Clark, $400; Lewis Hover, $5; Thomas Newham, $15 88; W. Sanderson, $25; S. H. Many, $34 62; and Watch Department $673 29.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of A. C. Dennis, $97 91; J. F. Fielder & Co. $17 70; Pine & Hartshorn, $23 50; J. B. Dunn, $20; D. L. Reeve, $50; F. Porrett, $66 51; Marshall & Morris $35 44; and Isaac Wakefield, $5 62. The claim of the Day Police, $127 40, was reported correct.

Ald Insley moved that the claim be paid.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Hill, Insley and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney and Thompson.

Nays—Ald Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hoffman, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald Davenport.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the vote just taken was reconsidered, and the claim was then ordered paid.

A claim of Daily Telegraph, for $93 29, referred to committee on finance on the 20th ultimo, was reported correct for $92 29, and that amount was ordered paid.

Reports from City Officers were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Two from the Comptroller, that he had received notice of the expiration of certain improvement certificates. Ref to committee on finance.

From the Comptrollor, that several of the appropriations in the tax ordinance are exhausted. Received and ordered filed.

From the Recorder, his quarterly report to Nov. 1st. 1855. Received and ordered to be published in the minutes.

Said report being as follows:

To the Honorable the Common Council of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—I herewith beg leave to submit to you my second Quarterly report, ending October 31st., 1855.

There were arrested in the month of Aug. 1855, by the day police and night watch eighty-six persons, who were disposed of as follow:

Twelve were fined $2,	$24 00
Forty committed to city prison.	
Eighteen " county "	
Sixteen were discharged.	
Received for fines for violating city ordinance, Inns and Taverns,	120 00
Received for fines for violating city ordinance, peddling fish and vegetables,	10 00
Total,	$154 00

There were arrested in the month of September, 1855, by the day police and night watch, eighty-one persons, who were disposed of as follows, viz:

Nine were fined $2,	$18 00
Thirty seven committed to city prison.	
Twenty two " " county "	
Thirteen were discharged.	
Received for fines for violating city ordinance, Inns and Taverns,	10 00
Total,	$28 00

There were arrested in the month of October, 1855, by the day police and night watch, seventy-five persons, who were disposed as follows, viz :

Sixteen were fined $2,	$32 00
Thirty seven committed to city prison.	
Eighteen " " county "	
Four were discharged.	
Total amount per quarter,	$214 00
Amount received per first quarter,	1008 00
	$1222 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. CUTTER,
Recorder of Jersey City.

By the Chief Engineer of the fire department, of the following elections and resignations in that department, viz.:

Election of Samuel M. Cockin by Engine Co., No. 5, of John B. Vroom and William L. Hanford, by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Resignation of John T. Clapp, by Engine Co. No. 5

Reports received, ordered filed, and the elections approved.

Reports of Committees.

The special committee towhomwere referred on the 20th ultimo, the proposals to light the city with gas presented a report recommending that contracts be made with J. B. Ward, to erect lampposts, and the Jersey City Gas Light Co. to light the city with gas.

Ald Rappleyea moved, " That the report be received."

The motion was adopted by the following vote,the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Hoffman :

Yeas.—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Nays—Ald Hoffman, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President.

Ald Wilson offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, in the opinion of this board, the time has arrived when the public streets and places of the city should be lighted with gas, if a contract can be made for said object on just and reasonable terms, and

Whereas in the year 1851, or 1852, applications were made to the Mayor and common council by A. H. Van Cleve, for himself and his associates, and by D Griffin, agent of the Neptune Gas Works of Connecticut, for permission to open the streets and lay down mains for the purpose of lighting the city with Gas.

The committee on lamps to whom these applications were referred, reported in favor of granting permission to Van Cleve and his associates under certain restrictions, and submitted tqe following resolution which was then adopted by the common council :

Resolved, That the Jersey City Gas Light company have permission to open the streets of the city, under the direction of the committee on streets, and under such restrictions as said committee shall establish for the purpose of laying their street mains.

Provided that the same shall not be kept open longer than shall be necessary, and that the same shall be left in as good condition as they now are; provided that the memoralists first agree in writing, duly executed to supply gas to the city and to private consumers, at as low rates as gas of an equal quantity shall be supplied in the city of New York. The Jersey City gas light company did not object to the conditions of the foregoing resolution at that time, but on the contrary acceded to it, by laying down their street mains under the rules and directions of the committee on streets, in view of which this board is of opinion that before incurring any outlay for the erection of gas posts, written stipulations should be obtained from the gas Co., in conformity with the requirements of said resolution.

Therefore resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be instructed to inform the Jersey City Gas Light Co., that the city authorities have granted said company all the privileges asked for in the resolution, and require from them the necessary obligations in writing to fulfill its conditions on their part, and that he be instructed to prepare the necessary papers under the direction of the committee on lamps (if satisfactory to the company,) and report the same to this Board for its action, or such other information touching the subject as the case may require.

Ald Edge moved, " That the preamble and resolution be laid upon the table."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea. Hoffman and Wilson :

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President.

Ald Hill offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the committe on lamps on behalf of this corporation are hereby authorized and instructed to enter into a contract with the Jersey City Gas Light Company to light the City with gas for a period of five years, according to their proposal received, and that the Mayor be requested and the City Clerk be directed to execute such contract on the part of this corporation under the city seal ; said contract to provide that the said Gas Light Company shall continue their mains as fast as the streets are graded, curbed, guttered, and flagged.

Resolved, That the lamp posts be erected on the corner of the streets and in the centre of the blocks diagonally from corner to corner throughout the entire length of the streets which will make the distance two hundred and sixty feet from post to post where the streets are sixty feet wide, and that four feet burners be inserted in the lamps, and the lamp posts be placed from twelve to eighteen inches back from the curb stone as the committee on lamps may deem advisable.

Resolved, That the committee on lamps on behalf of this corporation are hereby authorized and instructed to enter into a contract with Mr. J. B. Ward, of Newark, for erecting two hundred lamp posts according to his proposal received, and that the Mayor be requested and the city clerk be directed to execute the same on the part of this corporation under the city seal.

Ald Insley moved, " That the first resolution be amended by adding to it, the following words :" " That the contract shall contain a stipulation that the gas company shall furnish gas to private consu-

mers at as low rates as the same is furnished in New York."

The motion to amend was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Hoffman, Insley and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald Erwin, Hoffman, Insley, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Absent—The President.

Ald Erwin moved, "That Ald Hill's resolutions be laid upon the table."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Edge, Tyrrell and Erwin.

Yeas—Ald Erwin, Hoffman, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Absent—The President.

Ald. Hill's resolutions were then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Hoffman and Tyrrell:

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Nays—Ald Insley and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President.

Ald Davenport, Griffith, Hoffman and Wilson, did not vote, having asked to be, and by vote of the Board having been excused from voting.

The special committee on the subject of lighting the city with gas, returned the bond tendered by the Jersey City Gas Light Company for the performance of the contract to light the city with gas. Bond received.

On motion of Ald Hill the said special committee was then discharged.

The committee on finance, presented a report in respect to the interest to be paid on the water loan. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on laws and ordinances, returned the claim of J. Z Marinus, amounting to $345 12, referred to them on the 6th November last, accompanied by an opinion of the Corporation Attorney on the subject. Opinion and claim received and laid upon the table.

Ald. Hill, presented the following entitled ordinance viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing guttering and laying sidewalks and bridge stones at the intersections from Jersey street to Putnam street in Wayne street."—Ordinance laid upon the table.

The committee on streets presented proposals received by them for the contract to regulate Mercer street from Washington to Greene streets.

The proposals were opened, read and found to be from James F. Fielder, & Co., and John Hedden.

The proposals were referred to the committee on streets, with authority to make a contract with the lowest bidder, if the committee deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

The committee on police and licenses, presented a report recommended that the prayer of James Murtagh, contained in his petition, referred to them on the 20th ultimo, for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, be granted. Report recived and its recommendation adopted.

The committee on assessments, presented the assessment for regulating South Seventh street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for regulating South Seventh street from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 23 Montgomery st. and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in December instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The committee on assessments presented the assessment for filling, paving and regulating York st., from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper that the Assessors' report and map for filling in, paving and regulating York street, from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in December at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald Davenport obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended to enable the Board to appoint viva voce two Watchmen from the Fourth ward.

Whereupon, on motion of Ald Rappleyea, Jeremiah M. Clarke, and on motion of Ald Hoffman, Henry P. Robinson, were appointed such watchmen.

On motion of Ald Hill, the ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 6th ultimo, providing for the regulating, &c., of a portion of Pavonia avenue, was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended in its first section; and its title was amended so as to read as follows, viz.:

An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading, curbing, guttering, and laying sidewalks and bridgestone at all the intersections in Pavonia avenue from Provost street to Monmouth street, except the Public or Hamilton Square; and for the paving of that portion of said avenue lying between said Public square and Provost street."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Davenport.

The committee on public grounds and buildings, reported as incorrect the claim of John Pringle, No.

7554, amounting to $14 61, referred to said committee on the 16th Oct. last. Report received.

Ald Griffith offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby instructed to close accounts of bills receivable by delivering up the bonds of Selah Hill, held by the city as a guarantee against encroachments in the Hudson river. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water (in conjunction with his Honor the Mayor) are hereby authorized and requested to procure blank certificates for fire wardens, at an expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars, said certificates to contain a view emblatical of the introduction of the Passaic water, and such others as the said committee and the Mayor may deem suitable. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the hour of meeting of this Common Council, until its further order, shall be three o'clock in the afternoon. The resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent of the board, the city clerk was authorized to change the resolutions offered by Ald. Davenport, relative to the two assessments presented at this meeting, by striking out 7½ o'clock, and inserting 3 o'clock, as the hour in which the common council will meet on the third Tuesday in December inst., to consider said assessment.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water, be, and are hereby authorized to purchase for the use of the Fire Department of this city one thousand feet of hose at a cost not to exceed eighty-five cents per foot.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Edge, Erwin and Tyrrell.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Rappleyea, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald Cobb, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Davenport,

(Ald. Rappleyea and Insley obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald Thompson it was

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be authorized to sell fire engine No. 4, for such price as they deem advisable.

On motion of Ald. Wilson the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber Tuesday, December, 18th 1855, at three o'clock P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Greene, Hill, Hoffman. Keeney, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Ald Fdge was absent at the calling of the roll, but subseqently appeard and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Insley, Rappleyea, and Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc, were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Three writs of *Certiorari* to remove into Supreme Court the assessments upon the property of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, for "regulating the north side of Railroad avenue from Jersey to Brunswick or Gilbert street," for "regulating Prospect street from Newark avenue to Bay-st." and for "side walk of Hudson street between Wayne and Mercer streets," and also copies of rules of the Supreme Court staying further proceedings against the property designated in said writs.

Ref.to the city clerk with instructions to make the necessary returns to the *Certioraris* under the supervision of the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from Robert D. Dwyer, respecting a lease held by him from the city, for lot 4 Newark avenue, on block 76.

Referred to coommittee on laws and ordinances.

Remonstrance of Charles H. Murray and others against having their lots on the north side of Montgomery street, and on the westerly halt of the block between Barrow and Jersey streets, filled up as nuisances.

Ref. to com. on streets.

Remonstrance of John J. Bouton against the confirmation of assessment for regulating South 7th st., from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue.

Ref. to com. on assessments.

Petition of C. Spengeman, for the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the erection of awning posts and awnings, and ordering the removal of all such erections as nuisances. Ref. to Committee on streets.

Communication from James Wallace, complaining of John Doran, Assistant Foreman of Engine Co. No 2, for disobedience of orders at the fire in Warren-st. Ref. to com. on fire and water.

Communication from S P. Townsend respecting the assessment for the regulation of Grand street. Laid upon the table, afterwards taken up and referred to the committee on assessments.

Remonstrance of James T. Barnes against the assessment for regulation of South 7th street. Ref. to committee on assessments.

On motion of Ald Hill the order of business was suspended to enable the committee on streets to present a report on the remonstrances against the assessment for regulation of Grand street, between Jersey street and the Mill creek

The committee on streets then presented their report recommending that the said assessment be referred back to the committee on assessments for some slight corrections. Report received, and assessors report and map referred back to the committee on assessments for correction in the particulars named in the report of the committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Of Kemp & Ward, $302 15. Ref to committee on Alms.

Of Bernard Hughes, $17 75. Ref to committee on streets.

Of Henry Stiff, $10. Ref to committee on schools.

Of Commissioners of assessment, $120. Ref to committee on assessments.

Of R. B. Earle & Co., $21 50, and George Wescot, $42 53. Ref to committee on fire and water.

Of Henry Stiff, $3; and Margaret Ward, administratrix of John Ward, deceased, $16. Ref to com. on police and licences.

Of E D Reily, $95; Wm Roosevelt, $40: Henry Stiff, $1 62; Wm. Hanks, $5; E. D. Reily, $30 10; and James McDermott, $3 75. Ref to com on public grounds and buildings.

Of Bernard Hughes, for 2d quarterly payment on contract for cleaning the public streets, $537.—Ordered paid.

Of A. C. Dennis, $8 93; and Wardlaw & Hooley, $60 30. Ref to Com. on Alms, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Chief of police $200; Special Police on election day $12; Sunday Policemen $24. Ref. to Com. on Police and Lioenses, aftnrwards reported correct and ordered paid.

The city clerk laid belore the board the following cummunication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 17th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of procedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Dec. 17, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

Herewith, I return without my approval the concurrent resolutions adopted by your honorable body, on the 4th inst., instructing the committee on lamps to enter into a contract with the Jersey City Gas Light Company to light the city with gas, for a period of five years, according to their proposals received, and that the lamp-posts be erected on the corner of the streets, and in the centre of the blocks diagonally from corner to corner through the entire length of the streets.and that they also enter into a contract with Mr. J. B. Ward, of Newark, for erecting two hundred lamp-posts according to his proposals received.

While I cheerfully concur in the propriety of having our public streets lighted with gas at the earliest practicable period it can be done on fair and reasonable terms, I cannot sanction officially the mode by which it is sought to be carried into effect.

Our public streets are now lighted under the provisions of an ordinance which was enacted under the old charter, and which directs that the lamplighters shall light the public lamps certain nights in each month, and imposes certain penalties for neglect of duty. It also directs that each public lamp shall be supplied with the necessary quantity of spirit, gas or oil, whichever, may be directed by the Common Council, and also, whenever additional

public lamps are required it directs the manner in which they may be obtained.

The present Charter confers power upon the Common Council by *ordinance* only, "to provide lamps for, and to light the public streets, wharves and squares of the city"

The 72d section of the Charter, also declares, that all ordinances of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, that may be inforce when this act, shall go into effect, shall be in force until altered or repealed by the Common Council hereby created. Now, gentlemen, with these plain provisions of the charter before us, it seems to me there can be no difference of opinion upon the subject under consideration. The ordinance which is now in force for lighting streets is not repealed or affected by these resolutions, and no power is conferred by the charter, whereby, we could legally levy a tax, or borrow money for the payment of the gas or posts proposed by the resolutions, except by ordinance.

The charter objections above referred to, are in my judgment of themselves fatal to the resolutions before me.

If, however, the objections above noted, were not insuperable, there are others, which though perhaps less weighty, are not less worthy of attention and consideration.

In the fall of 1851, on application, a resolution was passed authorizing the Jersey City Gas Light company, to lay mains in the public streets, on condition that they would supply gas to the city authorities, and to private consumers, at the same rates as are charged by the gas companies of the city of New York. This resolution has never been repealed, the company have taken advantage of its privileges, but are unwilling to fulfill its conditions on their part. Have we any better guarantee that they will fulfil the requirements of the resolutions before me, at least those conditions that do not conform to their written proposals. They say they will "light the public lamps, which may be erected on the line of their mains upon the following terms and conditions, for 2,000 hours, three feet burners, $18; for 2,000 hours four feet burners, $23, &c., &c., which price is to include lighting and extinguishing, and in the same proportion, for any greater or less number of hours" but do not proposeto extend their street mains, and by the resolutions your committee are instructed to make a contract with the company "according to the proposals received"—the resolutions go further and say, that the company shall continue their mains as fast as the streets shall be graded, curbed, guttered and flagged," This language is very indefinite you will observe. You must all be aware that there are now many miles of our streets which are improved as above, and in which there are no mains, and not likely to be under these resolutions if carried into effect, for many years to come, and still the company may claim that they have continued their mains, perhaps not more than in a ratio of a hundred yards to a mile of said street improvements.

They agree it is true to furnish burners that will consume a certain number of feet of gas per hour, but the city has no security that it will have that quantity of gas, nor is there any provision for cleaning the lamps which would be an additional item of expense to the city. In the city of New York the lighting, extinguishing and cleaning are done under the same contract, and it should be so here, and each lamp costs that city, including gas $15 47. for 2,300 hours. Nor do I think any company should receive at the hands of the authorities such privileges as are proposed without any corresponding advantage to private consumers. It is our duty to protect the rights and interests of our constituents in every case, and not leave them to the mercy of any private corporation; nor should we ask the Co. to furnish gas below fair and remunerating prices, but as the proposition now stands, the company may charge private consumers $5 per 1000 ft. and they can have no remedy, therefore there should be some limit fixed for the price to private consumers.

The Manhattan company of New York, recently made application for certain amendments to their charter, and it was granted on condition that they should reduce the price of gas to private consumers to $2 50 per thousand feet, which condition I am informed they have accepted—nor is this the only instance I might cite where the interests of private consumers have been respected and protected by legislative action.

Again, according to the terms of the contracts with the New York gas companies, they are bound to lay a certain quantity of mains in each year, and to light the streets as fast as the mains are laid. The proposition from this company is to light only where mains are laid, without any provisions for extending them. Of course with such powers the company would only lay mains where they thought the private consumption might demand it, and public consumers and public safety form no consideration with them.

Gentlemen, with this view of the subject before us—and with the legal objections to which I have specially directed your attention, and which in my judgment can not be obviated, I very respectfully return the resolutions for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Wilson moved "That the resolutions do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

Ald. Hill moved "That the motion be laid upon the table."

Ald. Hill's motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Tyrrell Hoffman and Wilson.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, and Keeney.

Nays—Ald. Hoffman, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—Ald, Edge, Insley, Rappleyea, and Thompson.

Ald Edge appeared and took his seat.

The City Clerk laid before the board the following communication from from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 17th instant, and the same was read, received and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Dec. 17, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I have received, and herewith return without my approval a resolution passed on the 4th inst.—"that

the Comptroller is hereby instructed to close account of bills receivable by delivering up the bond of Selah Hill held by the city as a guarantee against encroachments in the Hudson river."

On examination I find the bond in question is drawn in the usual form, for the sum of one thousand dollars, and executed by Mr. Hill in the presence of E. W. Kingsland on the 18th day of Jan. 1850, payable to the Mayor and Common Council, their successors or assigns, within ten years from date, with interest thereon, at, and after the rate of six per centum per annum, and was accepted by the Common Council and ordered to be recorded and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the fifteenth day of February following, and its present worth, including interest, is about $1355. This bond was undoubtedly given and received in good faith, and as I understand under the immediate supervision of the then Corporation Attorney, and has always been held by the city as a reliable asset.

As the papers before me do not give any reasons for this willingness on the part of the Common Council to present to Mr. Hill a portion of the assets of the city (for it can only be considered in the light of a gift) I am at a loss to discover why he should be selected as the sole recipient of such a favor.

The proceeding is on its face illegal, and therefore can not receive my official sanction

D. S MANNERS, Mayor

Ald Hoffman moved "that the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

On motion of Ald Edge, Ald Hoffman's motion was laid upon the table.

A communication was presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, enclosing a communication from Josiah M. Topping, asking that the vote on expelling him from the fire department may be rescinded, etc. Received and referred to a special committee consisting of Ald Edge, Keeney, and Clarke.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz;

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating South Seventh street from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue"

"Confirmation of Assessment for filling, paving, and regulating York street from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street"

"Application to have graded, etc., a part of the side walk in Sussex street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets."

"Application to have Bay street from the easterly side of Prospect street to Grove street, paved etc."

"Application to have South Seventh street between Monmouth and Brunswick streets regulated etc.' Reports received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections, resignations, expulsions, and death in that Department, viz:

Elections of Josiah M. Topping and Joseph H. Gaddis by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2; William Robertson and John Marshall by Hose Co. No. 3; James Ayars by Engine Co. No. 5; Henry H. Brinkerhoff by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; Peter McGowan, Joseph Gubbins, James Hughes, Martin Delaney, J. F. Duclos, F. B. Botts, Sr, Lawrence Ryan, and James Kanagan, by Engine Co. No. 2

Resignations of Phineas Bates from Hook and Ladder Co. No 2; L. G. Brewster from Hose Co. No. 3; William Engler aad J. D. Walton from Engine Co. No. 2.

Expulsions by Engine Co. No. 2, of Charles Clarke, Matthew Brown, David Smith, William Armstrong, Edward Gordon and Peter Dolan.

Decease of David B. Wakeman, late a member of Engine Co. No. 2. Communications received, ordered filed, the elections approved, and the proper entries of the resignations, expulsions and death ordered to be made by the City Clerk

A requisition was presented from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims:

Of Boyes & Sharpe. $5 50, and $396 70; Isaac Wakefield, $7 75; H. & H. G. Soule, $126 24; R. B Earle & Co., $43 45 and C. Shepherd & Co., $133 95. Requisition received, and warrants ordered to be drawn in favor of the above named parties for the amounts named.

The quarterly report of the Overseer of the poor and Superintendent of the Alms House, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The City Treasurer's report for November, 1855, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st December inst, of $1980 99, was presented and referred to com. on finance.

The Comptroller's statement of receipts for November, 1855, was presented and referred to com. on finance.

The com. on streets presented contracts executed by Patrick M'Pharlin, for regulating South 3d st. between Prospect street and Jersey avenue Contracts ordered to be executed on the part of the City, by the Mayor and City Clerk under the seal of the city.

The following resolutions were reported by the committee on Assessments, and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That one and one half per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating of York street, from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—None

Absent—Insley, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of C. J. Sisson for five thousand five hundred and twenty five 69-100 dollars being the amount of his bill for regulating York street from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Insley, Rappleyea, and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of J. B. & D. E. Culver, for one hundred and sixty-four 55-100 dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulating of York street from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Insley, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Wm. Moore, for one hundred and fifteen 62-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of York street from the centre of Henderson street to the west side of Jersey street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Insley, Rappleyea and Thompson.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted, the vote being taken on each resolution separately.

By Ald Hill.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be hereby directed and empowered to expend a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars for a book of notices and blanks, notices etc.

By Ald Cobb.

Resolved, That when the Collector of Taxes of Jersey City is required by law to make his return of delinquent Tax payers to a Justice of the peace for prosecution, that said return be made to Earle B. Sipple a Justice of the Peace of said city.

The following eight by Ald Griffith.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be instructed by the Committee on finance to withold the amount necessary to pay the interest on the water loan due on the first day of January 1856, be placed to the credit of the Water Commissioners on the thirty first day of Dec. 1855, by the City Treasurer.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Henry J. Armstrong for five dollars and eighty seven cents. to refund to him an amount overpaid by him at assessment sale on the 8th of October last on assessment for regulating Prospect street from Newark avenue to Bay street, said amount having been received and paid into the City Treasury.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to publish in the corporation paper for the time required by the charter a list of property remaining unredeemed from the assessment sale of March 8th, 1854.

Resolved, That the sale of lots in the Third ward, in block 20, 23 and 26, incorrectly advertised as described by Cole's instead of Hill & Townsend's map, and sold the 27th July, 1855, to Monroe Henderson, for $42 05 cents for taxes of 1854, be cancelled on the City Clerk's sales book; and that a warrant for the purchase money with the interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of sale, be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Monroe Henderson, and be delivered to him on surrender of his his declaration ot sale.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue to the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Company, the usual certificate to enable them to redeem their lots sold on the 1st July 1853, for the assessment thereon, for paving, &c. of Washington, Greene and Wayne streets; that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to countersign such certificate, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to receive the money due on said sale in redemption of said lots.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cancel of record the sale on the 15th Sept. 1853 by the Corporation of Jersey City of lot 15, Morgan street, on block 74, for taxes of 1852, the owner of said property holding a receipt for said taxes signed by "P. C. Dummer, Collector;" and that a warrant for the purchase money with interest thereon from the date of said sale at the rate of six per cent per annum be drawn in favor of Benjamin O. Edge the purchaser thereof at said sale, and be delivered to him on surrender of his declaration of sale.

Resolved, That the sale of lot thirty, Steuben st., on block twenty three, on the 27th June 1855, for taxes of 1854, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk; it having been erroneously advertised by that number instead of as lot thirty-nine; and that a warrant for the purchase money with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of sale be drawn in favor of the purchaser at said sale, and that the committee on finance are hereby instructed to advertise anew and sell, unless the taxes be paid thereon, lot 39 Steuben street, on block 23.

Resolved, That the city clerk is hereby instructed to cancel of record the sales which took place on the eighth day of October last, of the following lots for unpaid assessments, viz: Lot 15 on block 74; lots 5, 6 and 7, on block 53; lots 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, and 119, on block 50, which were not advertised correctly; lot 8 on block 53, which was incorrectly described in the late comptroller's schedule of sale as lot 18; said lots having been sold at that date for assessment for regulating Morgan street, from Grove to Greene street; lot 19 on block 73, sold for assessment for filling sunken lots; lot 9 on block 197, sold for assessment for regulating South 8th street from Grove street to Newark avenue, which were not correctly advertised; lot 77 on block 201, sold for assessment for regulating South 4th street, from Erie to Coles street; and lot 21 on block 198, for regulating South 6th street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, which last two named lots were

not contained in the advertisement of sale; and that warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Vroom and John Patten Jr., for the purchase money paid by them for said lots, and the interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of sale to them; said warrants to be delivered to said purchasers on their surrendering to the City Clerk their declarations of sale for said lots.

Resolved, That the committee on finance and the Comptroller are hereby instructed to advertise anew said lots for sale.

By Ald Tyrrell.

Resolved, That a further sum of eight dollars be appropriated for repairs on the City Prison.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell it was

Resolved That a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Selah Hill, for four dollars and seventy five cents, to refund to him the amount paid to the Trenton State Gazette for advertising for proposals for lighting the City with gas.

A claim of Jacob Erwin for $222 72, referred to the Com. on Alms on the 4th inst was returned by that committee, and referred to a special committee consisting of Ald Greene, Cobb and Keeny by whom the claim was subsequently reported correct and then ordered paid.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That when this board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Saturday the 29th instant at *Three* o'clock in the afternoon.

The Com. on Assessments presented the Assessors report and corrected map for the regulation of Grand street from Jersey street to Mill Creek and the same were ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, Thaat the city clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper that the assessors report and corrected map for the regulation of Grand street from Jersey street to Mill Creek is on file in the City Clerk's office, and that the Common Council will meet at the City Clerk's office on Saturday Dec. 29th at three o'clock P. M. to hear and consider any objections that may be presented in writing against so much of said map as has been corrected.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Cobb, the claim of the Collector of Assessments, for $345 12, numbered 7562, and the opinion of the Corporation Attorney as to the validity of said claim, were taken up for consideration.

Ald Cobb moved "That the claim be paid"

On motion of Ald Wilson the claim was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald Clarke, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and William Rean was viva voce appointed a watchman from the First ward.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Ot W. Rutherford, $30; W. Powell, $24; S. Mead, $16 65; S. Randle, $25 43; E. D. Keily, $52 92; H. V. Schenck, $11 50; P. Farmer, $83; W. H. Murphy, $4 50; J. McDonald, $5; H. Steele, $181 78; G. D. Hancox, $8 78; C. G. Sisson, $39,-42; Clerk & Bacot, $50; Flitchcroft & Smith, $59,-94; Quaife & Otley, $17 50; S. Mead, $1 68; G. D. Hancox, $12; and J. F. Richardson, $8.

The claim of G. H. Bearse, $431 72, referred to joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings on the 15th May last, was reported correct for $400, and that amount ordered paid.

On motion of Ald Hill the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, Tuesday, December 26th, 1855, at three o'clock, P.M., called by his honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Tyrrell, Cobb, Lyon, Hill and Greene, for the purpose of providing for the payment of interest on the Water Loan.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Cobb, Erwin, Creene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Hoffman, Insley and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President pro tempore.

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald Wilson it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed on the 18th instant, in reference to the interest about to fall due on the Water Loan be rescinded; and that a warrant for sixteen thousand dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the President of the Board of Water Commissioners, to pay the interest which will fall due January 1st, 1856, on the Water Loan; said warrant to be made payable on the twenty-ninth instant.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting, pursuant to resolution passed December 18th, 1855, held at the City Clerk's office Saturday December 29th, 1855, at three o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President the board was called to order by the city clerk.

Present—Ald Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

The President and Ald Hoffman, and Insley were absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald Clarke, and Edge.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, Ald Tyrrell was appointed President pro tempore.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Petitions of Lorenzo Jaquins, and William C. Morris, to be appointed collector of arrears of taxes. Laid upon the table.

Communication from W. H. Wood in relation to the claim of Bacot & Wood, for making up assessment map for the regulation of Grand street. Laid upon the table.

Remonstrance of Samuel P. Townsend against the confirmation of assessment for filling in Grand street. Laid upon the table.

Communication from W. H. Wood in reference to his claims for work done on several street improvements, Ref to committee on streets.

(The President appeared and took his seat)

Requisitions were presented from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims, viz:

Of Henry Steele, $5 30; Archibald Thompson, $7 50; W. Vanderzee, $1 75; L. A. Pratt & Co., $1; Cory & Webster, $70; E. Pray, $24 89, and A. C. Carman, $19 15 Received, and warrants for the amounts ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the parties respectively named.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Of John B. Haight, $15. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of R. & J. McLaughlin, $48 75. Ref to committee on lamps.

Of R. B. Earle & Co. $15; and R. & J. McLaughlin, $12 13. Referred to Committee on fire and water.

Of J. B. & D. E. Culver, $93; Bacot & Wood $444 12; Patrick McPharlin, $2783 46; and John M. Leonard, $138 75. Ref. to com. on streets.

A communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor announcing that he has suspended from duty William L. Meeker a City watchman, for the reason that he has been arrested on a charge of burglary. Received and referred to the Com. on Watch.

Memorandum from the Comptroller respecting two improvement certificates which are past due. Presented and referred to com on Finance.

Report by the City Clerk of publication of notice of confirmation of assessment for the regulation of Grand Street from Jersey street to Mill Creek.—Presented, received, and ordered filed.

Report by the Captain of the watch that there are two vacancies in the watch department. Presented, received, and ordered filed

The committee on streets presented contracts executed by John Headden for the improvement of Mercer street from the middle of Washington to the middle of Greene street, and a bond signed by John Headden and Bernard Hughes, for the fulfillment of said contract. Bond approved, and the contracts ordered to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk on the part of the city under its corporate seal.

The committee on assessments returned and were discharged from the further consideration of the remonstrances against the assessment for the flagging, &c., of South 7th street.

On motion of Ald Davenport, the assessors' report and map for regulating South Seventh street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, were referred back to the commissioners of estimate and assessment, for correction.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That an Improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Patrick McPharlin, for eight hundred and fifty dollars, being on account of his bill for regulating South Third street between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Edge, Hoffman and Insley.

(Ald. Insley appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald Keeney it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that Charles P. Seely be viva voce appointed a city watchman from the first ward in the place of John C. Flowers resigned

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald Hill and adopted.

Resolved, That the vote be rescinded by which on the 18th inst., a claim of Clerk & Bacot for fifty dollars was ordered paid; the said claim having been paid on the 15th August 1854, and by mistake having been ordered paid a second time.

By Ald Griffith and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant for three hundred and twenty-six dollars be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Hanks, in full payment of his claim for $402 92 presented on the 13th November last for building addition to the alms house.

By Ald Griffith and adopted

Resolved, That the resolution passed on the 18th inst., in relation to the property of the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Company sold on the 1st July 1853, for an unpaid assessment be and is hereby rescinded.

By Ald. Griffith and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant for nine dollars be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Peter Dolan, for amount of his claim referred to the com. on finance on the 6th of November last, for destroying nine dogs, said claim having been mislaid by the Committee.

By Ald. Insley and adopted.

Resolved, That the salaries of the day police, now past due for special police services, be paid out of any monies now in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

By Ald Rappleyea and adopted.

Resolved, That the chairman of com. on public grounds and buildings be directed to renew the policies of insurance on the Alms House for two thousand dollars.

By Ald Griffith and adopted—

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk, are hereby requested and authorized to issue three bonds of the city to the Hudson County Bank, for five thousand dollars each, payable with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum, for the renewal of bonds to that amount, which will fall due on the first day of January, 1856; said bonds to be dated January 1st, 1856, and made payable as follows: one in thirty days, one in sixty days, and one in ninety days.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill,, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Clarke, Edge and Hoffman.

By Ald Tyrrell and adopted.

Whereas the office of Collector of Arrears of Tax-

es has become ,vacant by the decease of Earl B. Sippel, Esq., the late incumbent of said office, therefore

Resolved That the common council do now proceed to the appointment of Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

The following nominations were made :

Lorenzo Jaquins, William C. Morris, Jesse Platt, and James Gopsil.

Ald Greene and Insley acted as tellers, and ballotings were had with the following result :

First balloting—

William C. Morris, eight votes,

Jesse Platt, three votes,

James Gopsill, one vote,

Lorenzo Jaquins, one vote,

Seeond balloting—

William C. Morris, nine votes,

Jesse Platt, two votes,

James Gopsill, one vote,

Lorenzo Jaquins, one vote.

Wherenpon William C. Morris was declased appointed Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

On motion of Ald. Cobb, the resolution adopted on the 18th instant, ordering the tax warrant to be placed by the collector of taxes in the hands of Earle B. Sippell, &c., was rescinded.

By Ald. Davenport

Resolved, That one and one half per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating Grand street, between Jersey streetand the Mill Creek, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald Erwin.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Edge and Hoffman.

By Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued,under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood for two hundred dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulation of Grand st., from Jersey avenue to the Mill creek, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Edge and Hoffman.

By Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of J. F. Fielder for ten thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety three cents,being the balance of his bill for regulating Grand street between Jersey street and the Mill Creek, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Erwin.

Absent—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Hoffman.

By Ald Tyrrell—

Resolved, That the special committee having in charge the application of the Bergen Point Railroad for permission to lay down their track in the streets be discharged, and a new committee of three be appointed, and the whole matter be referred to them.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Tyrrell, Hill and Wilson, were appointed such committee.

(Ald Hoffman appeared and took his seat.)

The special committee on emblems presented the emblems, and the committee were discharged.

Ald Erwin moved, "That the Mayor's veto of the resolutions providing for lighting the city with gas, be taken up for consideration."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Keeney, and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald Cobb, Erwin, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and AldDavenport,Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald Clarke and Edge.

The committee on assessments returned and were discharged from the further consideration of S. P. Townsend's remonstrance, presented on the 18th inst., against the Grand street assessment.

The committee on schools returned and were discharged from the further consideration of the claim of Henry Stiff, for $10, referred to them on the 18th inst.

Claim ordered filed.

Ald Thompson moved "That the hour of meeting of the Common Council until its further order be fixed at 7 1-2 o'clock P M."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Wilson and Keeney.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Cobb, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman and Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald Clarke and Edge.

The following claims were presented in the early part of the meeting, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Of H. Stiff, $57 ; N. Ellis. $100, and Smith & Hartman, $250.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of J. McDonald, $54 ; H. Billingsley, $26 ; W. Eaton. $20 50 ; H. A. Miller & Co, $11 48, $123 13, and $124 82 ; G. Cooper, $6 ; Kemp & Ward, $302 15 ; J. F. Richardson, $34 25 ; H. Stiff. $1 62 ; W. Roosevelt, $40 ; James McDermott, $3 75 ; E. D. Reily, $95 and $30 10.

On motion of Ald Erwin the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rapelyea, Thompson, Tyrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Erwin.

Absent—Ald. Clarke, Edge, Hoffman.

By Ald. Tyrell—

Resolved, That the special committee having in charge the application of the Bergen Point Railroad Company for permission to lay down their track in the streets of the city be discharged, and a new committee of three be appointed, and the whole matter be referred to them.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Tyrell, Hill and Wilson, were appointed such committee.

(Ald. Hoffman appeared and took his seat.)

... and the committee were discharged.

... resolutions providing for lighting the city with gas, be ... the contract ...

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rapelyea, Keeney and Wilson.

Yeas—Ald. Cobb, Erwin, Thompson, Tyrell, and Wilson.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Rapelyea.

Absent—Ald. Clarke and Edge.

The committee on assessments returned and were discharged from the further consideration of S. P. Townsend's remonstrance, presented on the 18th inst., against the Grand street assessment.

The committee on schools returned and were discharged from the further consideration of the claim of Henry ... for $10, referred to them on the 18th inst.

Claim ordered paid.

Ald. Thompson moved that the hour of meeting of the Common Council until its further order be fixed at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

... yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rapelyea, Wilson and Keeney.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrell and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Cobb, Erwin, Hill, Hoffman and Rapelyea.

Absent—Ald. Clarke and Edge.

The following claims were presented in the early part of the meeting, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported:

... $5,537; N. Ellis, $100, and Smith & ... $220.

The following claims referred to committees at ... of the board were reported correct ...

The following nominations were made:

... Jaquins, William C. Morris, Jesse Platt, ... Gopsill.

... and Insley acted as tellers, and ...

... Morris, eight votes.

... votes.

... Jaquins, ...

... Jaquins, one vote,

Second balloting—

William C. Morris, nine votes,

Jesse Platt, two votes,

... Gopsill, one vote,

... Jaquins, one vote.

... appointed Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

On motion of Ald. Cobb, the resolution adopted on the 18th instant, ordering ... warrant to be placed by the collector of taxes in the hands of ... &c., was rescinded.

... Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That one and one-half per cent be added ... Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment ... regulating Grand street, between Jersey ... and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rapelyea, Thompson, Tyrell and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Erwin.

Absent—Ald. Clarke, Edge and Hoffman.

By Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an ... certificate ...

... honor the ... and the city ... the city thereof ... following vote ... and taken ... Davenport ... Keeney, Rapelyea ...

... Hoffman.

... certificate ...

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting of the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 1st, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk

Present—Ald Davenport, Erwin, Griffith and Hoffman.

Absent—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson

Less than a quorum being present, on motion of Ald Davenport the Board adjourned to meet at the City Clerk's office. on Wednesday. January 2d, 1856 at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Wednesday. January 2d, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M

Present—The President and Ald. Davenport and Erwin

Absent—Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Less than a quorum being present, on motion of Ald Davenport, the Board adjourned to meet at the Common Council Chamber, on Thursday, January 3d, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber Thursday January 3d, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Keeney, and Rappleyea.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 18th, 26th and 29th ult., were read and approved.

No petitions or communications were presented

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows :

Of Boyes & Sharp, $5 25 ; $5 44, $4 ; $1 ; and William Pitcher, $15 12. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of H. A. Miller & Co. $10 39, $10 82. $18 32 ; A. A. Rice, $37 ; and Boyes & Sharpe, $36 13. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of W. Eaton, $20 50 ; J. F. Richardson, $31 ; H. Billingsley, $26, and H. A. Miller & Co., $119 87. Ref to committee on lamps.

Of Boyes & Sharp, $58 91 and E. Hope Jr., $10. Ref to committee on alms.

Of C. G. Sisson, $94 85 ; and Jersey City Courier, $25. Ref to com on streets.

Of Narine & Co., $4; and Earle B. Sippell, $11 05. Rrf to com on finance.

Of J. F. Richardson, $9 40. Ref to committee on watch.

Of Boyes & Sharp, $16. Ref to com. on police and licenses.

Of Watch Department, $673 22. Ref to com. on watch, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Nathaniel Ellis, $30 96 Ref to com. on police and licenses, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of B. Hughes, $17 75 ; R. & J. McLaughlin, $48 75 : and W. Hanks, $5.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz :

"Application to have South First street, from one hundred and forty feet west of Erie street to Coles street, brought to the established grade, paved, etc.

"Application to have Warren street between Montgomery and Morgan streets graded and paved.

Reports received and ordered filed.

The City Treasurer's report for December 1855, showing a balance of $2795 86, in the treasury on the 1st January 1856, was presented and refererred to com. on Finance.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, announcing the resignation of P. B. Marsh from Hook and Ladder Co, No. 1, was presented received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering and flagging the side walk on the south side of Sussex street between Warren street and Van Vorst street including the intersections." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

The com. on finance reported as correct the Comptrollers two reports presentsd on the 4th ultimo in his memorandum presented on the 29th ultimo, in reference to improvement certificates past due. Reports received.

Ald Davenport from the committee on assessments asked for the views of the members of the Common Council respecting a claim of Quaife & Otley, for surveying South Seventh street, as to whether the amount of the claim should conform to the salary ordinance for the present corporation year, or be according to the former prices for City surveying.

After some discussion, on motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That the committee on streets be instructed to obtain from Quaife and Otley, City surveyors, a new bill for surveying South Seventh st., between Jersey avenue and Newark avenue to conform to the salary ordinance for the present corporation year.

On motion of Ald. Griffith it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber, on Tuesday, the eighth instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M

On motion of Ald Hill the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday Jan. 8th, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Greene and Keeney.

On motion of Ald Edge, Ald Tyrrell was appointed President pro tempore.

Petitions, communications etc. were presented. received and disposed of as follows :

Official bond of William C. Morris as Collector of Arrears of Taxes. Approved and ordered filed.

Petition of Wm. Roosevelt to have Prospect street regulated, graded, paved and etc. from Newark ave., to Pavonia avenue. Ref. to committee on streets.

Communication from D. S. Gregory in reference to the ordinance on the table, for paving etc. the side walk of Sussex street from Warren to Van Vorst street. Ref to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows :

Of Knickerbocker Ice Company, $12 87, $17 40, $10 32 ; Marshall & Morris, $2 50 and F.Stoveken, $3 25. Ref. to com. on public grounds and buildings

Of Doyle & Brady, $7 43 ; C. N. Betts, $11 70 ; Drayton & Durant, $120 77 and James M. Newkirk, $19 50. Ref to com. on alms.

Of W. W. Lee, $105 89 ; George Dummer & Co., $78 25, and Isaac Wakefield, $11 88. Ref. to com. on lamps.

Of Narine & Co, $4 50 ; G. W. Cassedy, $19 20, and "assessment for regulation of York street from Henderson to west side of Jersey street," $1074 12. Ref. to com. on finance.

Of E. Pray, $18. Ref. to com. on salaries, offices and elections.

Of Isaac Wakefield, $4 88. Ref. to com. on fire and water.

The special committee to whom was referred in July last, the subject of charges against members of the Common Council of bribery and corruption in connection with the granting of tavern licenses, submitted a report and charges of corruption against Ald. Tyrrell, together with the affidavit of George Whitlock, containing the said charge. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the city clerk be and is hereby directed to serve upon Samuel R. Tyrrell, a copy of the charges preferred against him, and also a copy of the resolution, stating the time and place, where and when he may, by this board, be heard in his defence.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this board adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet at the Lyceum Hall, in Grand st., on Thursday evening next, at 7 1-2 o'clock, to hear any defence Samuel R. Tyrrell may choose to make against the charges brought against him, by the investigating committee, and George Whitlock.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Tyrrell resigned the President's chair, and on motion of Ald Griffith, Ald Davenport was appointed President pro tempore.

Ald Griffith offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that the city clerk is hereby authorized to have printed the necessary blank declarations of sale to purchasers of property at the last two assessment sales. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Griffith offered the following resolution :

Resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute to purchasers at assessment sales of December 8th 1855, and Jan 8th 1856, the required declarations of sale under the corporate seal of the city. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for three dollars and fifty cents be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of James A. Alexander, as agent of the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., for renewal of policy of Insurance on Firemen's certificate plate. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Hoffman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That S. A. French, Chief Engineer of Fire Department be allowed to use the die from which the stars for the Aldermen were made for the purpose of getting a similar one at his own expense. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for fifteen dollars be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of James A. Alexander, as agent of the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., for renewal of the premium on policy of insurance on the Alms House, insured to the city by policy No. 12678. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Insley offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That hereafter, no day policeman, or night watchman, shall be appointed by this Board, unless recommended by at least twenty freeholders of the ward in which he resides ; who shall certify that the applicant is well known to them as a man of honesty, integrity and perseverance ; that he is not addicted to the use of intoxicating drinks, and in their opinion, he is a fit and proper person to be intrusted with the protection of our city, and the execution of its ordinances. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on assessment presented the assessors report and assessment map for regulating Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street, and they were ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for regulating Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 23 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council chamber, on the fourth Tuesday in January, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

The com. on streets reported as correct the following claims referred to them on the 29th December last, and the same were referred to the com. on Assessments to be assessed—viz:

Of Patrick McPharlin, $2,783 46; I. B. & D. E. Culver, $34 60 ; and John M. Leonard, $138 75.

The Com. on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 18th ultimo, the communication of Robert D. Dwyer, respecting a lease held by him for property sold at an assessment on the 22d August 1850, submitted a report accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for $75 be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Robert D Dwyer, to be delivered to him on surrender to the city of a lease, made by the city to John J. Wanner, and by him assigned to Robert D. Dwyer, of lot No four, (Assess-

ment map) Newark avenue, on block No. 76, issued in August 1852, said warrant to be delivered to said Robert D. Dwyer, by the City Clerk on the filing with the City Clerk, by the Com. on Laws and Ordinances, said lease together with a certificate that a legal deed of surrender has been made and recorded in the County Clerks office.

Report received and resolution adopted.

Ald Erwin moved "that the Mayor's veto of the resolutions, providing for lighting the city with gas, be taken up for consideration."

The motion was not adopted, on a division four voting in favor of, and six against its adoption.

On motion of Ald Thompson, the board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Thursday January 10th, 1856. at 7½ o'clock P. M., held pursuant to resolution, passed on the 8th inst. for the purpose of trying the charges presented at that date against Alderman Samuel R. Tyrrell.

Present, all the members of the Common Council except Ald Greene.

The City Clerk reported that pursuant to the order of the Common Council he had served upon Ald Tyrrell copies of the charges and resolution, appointing the time for a hearing, and had also notified in writing the members of the board to be present.

On motion of Ald Davenport, the board resolved itself into committee of the whole for the purpose of taking testimony and examining into the charges. Ald Griffith acting as chairman of said committee, by request of the President, and on motion of Ald Thompson, Ald Davenport acting as clerk of the committee

At 12 o'clock, the committee rose, the Board re-organized, and the committee, through its chairman, reported that they had taken testimony but had not completed their labors, and asked leave to sit again.

The report was received, and leave was granted to the committee on motion of Ald. Thompson, to sit again on Saturday the 12 inst at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned to meet again at the Common Council Chamber on Saturday the 12th inst. at 7 1-2 o'clock P M. GEO W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council at the Common Council Chamber, Saturday, January 12th, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—All the members of the Board except Ald Greene.

The Common Council resolved itself into committee of the whole, on motion of Ald Thompson, to continue the trial of the charges against Ald Tyrrell.

By request of the President, Ald Griffith acted as chairman of the committee.

At five minutes before twelve o'clock the committee rose, the President resumed the chair, and the Common Council re-organized.

The committee of the whole, through its Chairman, Ald. Griffith, verbally reported that the had taken evidence as to the charges against Ald. Tyrrell, and find them sustained and had instructed him to submit the following resolution to the Common Council for its adoption :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the charges for bribery and corruption are fully sustained against Aldermen Samuel R. Tyrrell, that he be removed from this Common Council. The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Keeney and Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

On motion of Aid Davenport it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to enter at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council, the charges preferred against Samuel R. Tyrrell, together with the resolution of expulsion, and the yeas and nays taken on the adoption of said resolution.

The charges are as follows :

The special committee appointed in July last to investigate the charge of Corruption of Aldermen in granting licenses, would, most respectfully beg leave to report, and would, therefore, present to be read, the statement, given under oath of George Whitlock, upon which statement and other evidence in our possession, painful and humiliating as the task may be, we are constrained without further comment, to recommend preferment of the following charges against one of our number.

The Common Council of Jersey City do hereby prefer the following charges against Samuel R. Tyrrell Alderman of Jersey City from the Fourth ward of Jersey City.

That thesaid Samuel R. Tyrrell, on or about the third day of July 1855 at Jersey City corruptly intending to obtain money from various parties in Jersey City, which money was to have been paid for procuring licenses, did at his own instigation, receive from the following named persons the sum of fifty dollars each for procuring licenses to keep an Inn or Tavern :

That is to say from Thomas Baxter the sum of fifty dollars, from John Higham the sum of fifty dollars, from Patrick Doyle the sum of fifty dollars, from Patrick Martin the sum of fifty dollars, from Patrick Gannon the sum of fifty dollars, from Patrick Corrigan the sum of fifty dollars, from William L. Broking the sum of fifty dollars, and from John Wallace the sum of fifty dollars. The said sums so as aforesaid received not being intended to be applied or paid in the treasury of Jersey City as a part of the public funds of Jersey City, but to be applied to his own use and benefit.

That at the time the said sums of money were so paid as aforesaid by the parties above named to the said Samuel R. Tyrrell, the said Thomas Baxter, John Higham, Patrick Doyle, Patrick Gannon, Patrick Martin, Patrick Corrigan, William L. Broking, and John Wallace, had applications pending before the Common Council of Jersey City for licenses to be granted to each of them to keep an inn or tavern, in Jersey City, and also,

That on or about the time last aforesaid the said Samuel R. Tyrrell, corruptly offered to receive money from John Wanner who also had a petition for a li-

cense for an inn or tavern pending before the said Common Council of Jersey City, for his vote and influence in obtaining such license from the said Common Council of Jersey City, which money was intended to be applied to the private use of the said Samuel R. Tyrrell. Signed

J. R. THOMPSON,
JAS. DAVENPORT,
ALEX. WILSON,
H. E. INSLEY,
} Special Committee.

On motion of Ald Wilson the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 15, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene and Thompson

The minutes of January 1st, 2d, 3d, 8th, 10th, and 12th were read and approved.

Petitions, Communications, &c, were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Invitation from American Association, to attend their ball at the Hudson House, on the 23d instant, in honor of American Chapter No. 6, O. U. A. of Jersey City. Invitation acceped.

Petition of E. B. Wakeman and others to have Martin Ward appointed a City Watchman. Ref. to com. on watch.

Petition of B. B. Grinnell and others to have Charles Conkling appointed a city watchman. Ref. to com. on watch.

Remonstrance of W. H. Talcott, against the passage of the ordinance, now on the table, providing for the paving of a portion of the sidewalk of Sussex street, between Warren and Van Vorst streets. Ref. to com on streets.

Petition of Samuel Anness and other to have Geo. W. Sargeant appointed a city watchman. Ref. to com on watch.

Requisition from the Board of Education for payment of salaries of teachers in the public schools, which will fall due on the 1st proximo, amounting to $2307 24, accompanied by a list of the teachers and the amount of their salaries.

A warrant for the amount of the requisition ($2307 24) was ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. T. Smith, chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Education.

Communication from the Board of Education, respecting a claim of S. Davidson, for $19 03, ordered paid a second time by mistake. The warrant for the amount now in the City Clerk's office was ordered to be cancelled.

Requisitions from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims, viz:

Samuel H. Many, $3 67; William Bumstead $42 56: S. R. Tyrrell, $31 25; F. Anness, $5 15; D. Gould, $60; C. Van Vorst, $112 50; J. & W. Gopsill, $5; The Gas Pipe & Water Cement Co., $4 38; Wm. Bumstead & Co., $15 75; McGuigan & Nugent, $1 50; and Vanderbeek, Cameron & Co. $1 50. Warrants for the amounts were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the parties for the above stated amounts.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Of Daily Telegraph, $53 45, and $11 75.

Ref to committee on finance.

Of D. Gould, $18; and George Ford, $18. Ref to com. on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of James M. Newkirk, $9 75. Ref. to com on Alms.

Of Sunday Police, $30. Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of B Killey, $4; M. Hanley, $9 50; M. McConnell, $2 50; J. O'Neil, $10 25; and T Weldon, $4 75. Ref to com on schools.

Of Daily Telegraph, $112 50; G. W. Cassedy, $250; J. V. Hardenbergh, $118 75; S. A. French, $100; and R. S. Gillman, $200. Ref to committee on salaries, offices, and elections, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of filing of the report and map of the commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of building a receiving basin and culvert at the south west corner of Grove and Montgomery streets. Report received and ordered filed.

The com. on Finance returned a claim of Narine & Co., for $4, referred to the said committee on the 3d instant, and a claim of Narine & Co. for $4 50 referred to the Committee on the 8th inst., for the reason that they are not sworn to. Claims laid upon the table.

The com. on Watch, to whom was referred on the 29th inst., a charge against city watchman Hiram L. Meeker, of having been arrested for burglary reported that they find the charge sustained, and recommend that he be dismissed from the Watch Department.

The report was received and the reccommendation was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene and Thompson.

Ald Insley offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, It has been made to appear to the satisfaction of this Board, that Patrick Martin, of the fourth ward, did corruptly pay fifty dollars for the purpose of bribing members of this Board to vote for his license to keep an Inn and tavern. Therefore,

Resolved, That the license to keep an Inn and Tavern, granted to Patrick Martin, on the third of July last, be and hereby is revoked.

Laid upon the table, on motion of Ald. Wilson.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following amounts respectively named, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of Vanderbeck, Cameron & Co, $2 50; John B. Haight, $15; E. Pray, $18; Boyes & Sharpe, $16; Margaret Ward, $16; F. Stoveken, $3 25; G. W. Cassedy, $19 20; G. Wescott, $42 53; J. F. Richardson, $9 40; Jersey City Courier $25; R. B. Earle & Co., $21 50; R. B. Earle, & Co., $15; and Knickerbocker Ice Company, $12 87; $17 40; and thirty-eight cents.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That when the board adjourn they adjourn to meet at the Common Council chamber on Tuesday next the 22d instant at 7½ o'clock. P. M.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 22, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Present—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, Greene and Insley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received and disposed of as follows :

Petition of Charles Graham to be appointed a City Watchman. Ref. to com. on watch.

Petition of Daniel Crane, for a redress of legal difficulties respecting the Morris Canal Company. Ref. to com. on laws and ordinances.

Claims and accounts were presented. received and disposed of as follows :

Of Kemp & Ward, $55 95 ; and Alger & Brother, $121 23. Ref. to com. on alms.

Of Capron & De Klyn, $6 50 ; and James Kerr, $13 50. Ref. to com. on Fire and water.

Of Quaife & Otley, $44. Ref. to com. on streets

Of J. B. & D. E. Culver, $15. Ref. to special committee heretofore appointed to ascertain the correct grade of Jersey street.

Of R. & J. McLaughlin, $14 88. Ref. to com on public grounds and buildings, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Lorenzo Jaquins, $500. Ref. to com. on salaries, offices and elections, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Quaife & Otley, for surveys and maps for regulating, paving, curbing etc., South Seventh street from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, $30. Ref. to com. on streets, reported correct and then referred to the com. on Assessments.

The City Clerk laid before the Common Council the return made by the Collector of Taxes of delinquent tax payers for the current Corporation year, received from Lorenzo Jaquins, at five o'clock P. M. this day.

Ald. Davenport moved " That the Collector's list of names of delinquent tax payers with the sums due from them respectively thereunto annexed be received and placed by the City Clerk in the hands of George W. Gardner Justice of the Peace, for the purpose of issuing a tax warrant thereon as provided by law, and that said Justice of the Peace is hereby instructed to make out such tax warrant, without delay, and place the same in the hands of William C. Morris, Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

Ald. Erwin moved to amend the motion by striking out the name of Geo. W. Gardner, and inserting that of David Bedford.

The motion to amend was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Erwin, Wilson and Clarke.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Erwin and Wilson.

Nays—The President and Ald Davenport, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea end Thomson.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, Greene and Insley.

Ald. Davenport's motion was then adopted without amendment.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of " confirmation of assessment for regulating Jersey street, from Mercer street to Grand street. Report received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections, and resignations in that Department.

Election by Hose Company No. 2, of Thomas Flockton, John Kirroni, and Henry A. Pierson ; by Engine Company No. 5, of Andrew Savage of James Wakefield, Isaac Edge Junior, and W. J. Ashford, by Engine Company No. 3 ; and of Isaac Morrow by Hose Company No 3.

Resignations from Hose Company No. 2, of George H. Thomas, Michael Neugent, George Conckiyn, Charles A. Dickenson, Edward Kenney, Oliver Duncan, Ebenezer Barrey, William Ramsey, and Frederic Dexheimer. Communications received, the elections approved, and the proper entries of the resignations ordered to be made.

The President appointed Ald. Rappleyea as a member of the special committee on the application of the Bergen Point Railroad Company, in the place of Ex-Ald Tyrrell.

Resolutions were presented, and motions were made, and disposed of as follows :

Resolution by Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That one and one half per cent, be added for collector's fees to the amount of assessment for regulating Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, Green and Insley.

Resolution by Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on finance, in favor of Wm. A. Cummings, for six thousand eight hundred and thirty five 03-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for regulating Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix to seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, Greene and Insley.

Resolution by Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an Improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Quaife & Otley, for one hundred four 20-100 dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps, regulating Jersey st, from Mercer street to Grand street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, Greene and Insley.

Resolution by Ald. Davenport.

Resolved, That an Improvment Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance in favor of William Moore for one hundred eighteen 75-100, being the amount of his bill superintending

the regulating of Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Hoffman.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene and Insley.

Motion by Ald. Davenport, and adopted.

That the City Clerk be instructed to cancel the claim of Quaife & Otley (No. 7565) amounting to seventy four dollars, for surveys &c. of South 7th St. from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, presented October 16th 1855; another bill in place of the former claim, having been presented at this meeting of the Common Council.

(Ald. Thompson retired.)

Motion by Ald Davenport and adopted—

"That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that George Clarke, be viva voce appointed a day policeman."

Resolution by Ald. Griffith and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on police be hereby requested to detail an officer to attend at the gate of the Jersey City and New York ferry for the purposes of keeping order and keep vehicles off of the cross walks.

Resolution by Ald Erwin and adopted—

Resolved, That the City Auctioneers render to the Common Council at its second regular meeting in February next, an account of all sales, personal and real estates, also all fees due the city from such sales.

Three resolutions by Ald. Rappleyea.

Resolved, That a special election be held in the Fourth ward on Tuesday the fifth day of February next, for one Alderman from the 4th ward, for the unexpired term of Samuel R. Tyrrell.

Resolved, That the poll be opened at 8 o'clock A. M., and be closed at 7 o'clock P. M., and be in James B. Dunn's building, corner of Erie and South Sixth streets.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Fourth ward is hereby directed to post notices of said special election, in five of the most public places in the ward, for eight days prior to said election, and the City Clerk is hereby requested to send to him a copy of this and the preceding resolutions.

Resolved, That the Board of City Canvassers, to consist of the members of the Common Council and a Judge of said election, to be selected by his associate Judges, and the City Clerk as Clerk of the Board) be required to meet at the City Clerk's office on Friday the eighth day of February next, at four o'clock in the afternoon to canvass the return of said election, and shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as are provided in the City Charter for the annual charter elections.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Erwin, Wilson and Rappleyea.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Hill, Hoffman, Keeney and Rappleyea.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Erwin, Griffith and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge, Greene, Insley and Thompson.

Claims of Narine & Co., for $4 50, and $4, laid upon the table at the last meeting for the reason that they were not sworn to, having since that time been sworn to by one of the caimants as correct, were taken from the table, referred to the Committee on finance, reported correct and ordered paid.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of George Ford, $18; Wm Pitcher, $15 12; E. B. Sipple, $11 05; David Gould, $18; and of Boyes & Sharpe for $4, $5 44, $5 25, and $1.

The com. on finance, reported as correct, the claim referred to them on the 8th inst., of "assessment for regulation of York street from Henderson to west side of Jersey street," ammounting to $1074, 12; and a warrant for the amount was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Jacob Z. Marinus, collector of rssessments.

On motion of Ald Hill, the board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Special meeting at the City Clerk's office, Saturday January 26th 1856, at nine o'clock A. M., called by His Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Rappleyea, Hill and Keeney, for the purpose of appointing a Clerk of the Fourth ward.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald Cobb, Edge, Erwin. Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Griffith, Hoffman and Insley.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, Ald. Thompson was appointed President pro tempore.

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that the Board proceed to appoint viva-voce a Clerk of the Fourth ward.

Whereupon Abraham Van Riper was appointed such Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Wilson, the Board adjourned.

GEO. W CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 5th 1856, at 7 1-2 oclock, P. M.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald Hill, Ald. Davenport was appointed President pro tempore.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc. were presented received and disposed of as follows:

Petition of J. G. Edge to have Bay street between Washington and Greene streets filled up three feet, Ref. to com. on streets.

Petition of J. Clowes and others for the appointment of Michael McLaughlin as a City Watchman. Ref. to com. on Watch.

Communication from J. Holwill and others, owners of the unfinished portion of the side-walk on the south side of Sussex street near Van Vorst street, setting forth that in the spring they will themselves make the improvement as contemplated in the ordinance relative to said side walk. Ref. to Committee on streets.

Communication from day Policemen, Treadwell. Babington, and J. M. Clarke, charging the Chief of Police with treating them with disrespect and with employing night Watchmen to perform duties which properly belong to said Policemen. Ref. to com. on Police and Licenses.

Petition of Wm. Keeney and others to have a sewer constructed in South 3d street, with all its lateral drains, commencing at the Hudson river, near Provost street and running thence through South 3d street to connect with the proposed canal &c. Ref. to com. on sewers, and the third Tuesday in Feb. instant at 7½ o'clock P. M. appointed as the time for receiving objections in writing to said improvement and directing the City Clerk to publish the usual notice.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Of Marshall & Morris, $52 06; G. E. Cutter $9 75; and Hudson County Mutual Insurance Co. $25. Ref. to Com. on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of J. F. Richardson, $31; Hugh Billingsly $26; and Isaac Wakefield, $26 39. Ref. to committee on Lamps.

Of Drayton & Durant, $144 38; and Edward Hope, Junior, $2 50. Ref. to Committee on Alms.

Of George W. Gardner, $108 22; Ref. to Com on Finance.

Of Hutton & Lacy $177 4. Ref to the special Committee who have charge of the claims against the Fourth ward public School house.

The City Clerk laid before the board the following communication from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 4th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Feb. 4, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I have received, and herewith return without my approval, a resolution confirming the assessment made for the improvement of Jersey street, from Mercer to Grand street.

I find on examination, that there is a discrepancy in the different grade maps, as to the grade at the intersection of Jersey and Grand streets. The grade of Grand street at this point, established by the committee of the township of Van Vorst, is ten inches lower, than the grade of Jersey street, where it intersects the same, as laid down on the grade map of C. Van Vorst. Although the ordinance directing the improvement for which this assessment has been laid, extended only to that portion of Jersey street lying between the southerly line of Mercer street and the northerly line of Grand street, including the intersections between said points, the improvement has been extended beyond the limits fixed by said ordinances, and the assessment under consideration covers a part of the intersection of Grand and Jersey streets within the boundary of Grand street.

The work done upon this intersectioe which was not authorized by ordinance, as required by the charter, and the cost of which, included in the assessment before me, will of itself invalidate it. The parties chargeable for any necessary work done on this intersection in conformity with the proper grade, would undoubtedly be willing to pay the contractor for all the labor and materials necessary for the same, but it would be an act of gross injustice to assess them for benefits to their property, which all must admit is clearly an injury, especially to the property fronting on Grand street. By reference to the regulation and established grades of Grand street it will be observed that the street is crowned in the centre of each block, and the surface water flows from thence either way to the cross street, and by raising this intersection ten inches above the established grade of the street, there is no possible way for the surface water to escape, and would necessarially seriously injure the street, as well as the adjoining property. I will now direct your attention to the authority by which these grades were established. By a supplement to an act entitled "an act to set off the Township of Van Vorst, in the County of Hudson" passed Feb. 29, 1844, the 3d section of said sect. says: "That it shall and may be lawful for the Town committee of said township to pass, by not less than three concurring votes, and to enforce all such orders as they shall from time to time judge proper, for establishing and fixing the grades of all the streets in said Township—*a proper chart or map* whereof, with reference to the necessary monuments and plans they shall cause to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Hudson, there to remain as evidence in all cases and matters relating to said grade" A grade map embracing the property of C. Van Vorst and that part of the Township lying south of the Railroad was filed Jan. 15, 1846, another grade map including that portion of the Township lying north of the Railroad was filed in the office of the County Clerk, May 1, 1847, subsequently the Township committee authorized, according to the direction of the law above quoted,

a grade, sewerage and street map, which was executed by Messrs. Clerk & Bacot and at a meeting of the township committee of Van Vorst held Dec. 4, 1850, "Mr. Rappleyea presented a map of sewers, and grades, and streets, made by Messrs. Clerk & Bacot, and map accepted as township map," which was afterwards filed in the office of the County Clerk, March 31, 1851, which superseded the sectional grade maps above referred to, and the following June said map was laid before the Common Council of Jersey City, and approved by the unanimous vote of that body. It can not be questioned, that the town committee had full power from time to time to regulate and establish the grades in said township and by this general township grade map they fixed and established, for the first time, the grade of Grand street which has never been altered. Said town committee also ordered Grand street from Grove to Jersey street, improved according to the grade by them established, by laying side walks, &c., and confirming the assessment for said improvement.—Grand street has since been filled to the grade as established by said map from Van Vorst street to Mill Creek under the direction of ordinances for three different sections of said street, the work has all been completed and the assessment for the cost of each section has been confirmed by the Common Council, two of these assessments covered the entire intersection of Grand and Jersey streets, the one extending over the westerly half of this intersection was confirmed by your Honorable Body on the 29th of Dec. 1855, and by this resolution another grade is acknowledged in the same street, therefore if this is right, at least two of the Grand street assessments have been confirmed in error, as the ordinance directing said improvement required in each case, that the street should be filled to the established grade—but I am forced to the conclusion that this assessment from Bright street to Grand street, is based on an improper grade, and therefore illegal; that the declination of the grade of Jersey street from Bright to Grand should have been ten inches greater to conform to the grade established by the Town committee of Van Vorst. I am also advised that the injunction of the Chancellor against the improvement of Bright street was dissolved and the intersection at Bright street was not made, in conformity with the resolutions and ordinances of the Common Council, heretofore passed, for the regulation of said street.

Under these circumstances I return the resolution for reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Hill moved "that the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections ot his honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

Nays—Ald. Clark, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cobb, and Rappleyea.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 4th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Jersey City, Feb. 4, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return without my approval a resolution directing an improvement certificate or certificates to be issued under the direction of the committe on finance in favor of William A. Cummings, for six thousand eight hundred and thirty-five 03-100 dollars being the amount of his bill for regulating Jersey street from Mercer to Grand street &c.

By the terms of the contract with Mr. Cummings he is only entitled to two thirds of the amount of his contract in improvement certifiicates until his work is accepted and the assessment confirmed, and having returned the resolution confirming the assessment for the cost of regulating the street above named without my official sanction, I am compelled to return this resolution without my signature in order to maintain inviolate the contract made with Mr. Cummings.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Wilson moved "that the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of HisHonor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cobb, and Rappleyea.

The City Clerk laid before the board a summons against the city, issued out of the Hudson Circuit Court, at the suit of Robert C. Bacot and William H. Wood, partners, etc., served upon his honor the Mayor, by the Sheriff of Hudson County. Ref to Corporation Attorney with instructions to defend the suit.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, announcing that he has suspended from duty George Danbury, a city watchman, on a charge of leaving his beat, and going to his own house and remaining there for an unreasonable length of time, without the knowledge of the Captain of the watch, preferred by that officer. Refferred to committee on watch.

The City Treasurer's report for January 1856, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st. Feb. inst., of $1040 26, was presented, received, and referred to the committee on finance.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the election of Jacob Garretson by Hose Company No 2, and the election of William Young by Engine No. 5. Communications received, and the elections approved.

A communication was presented from Jacob Z. Marinus, Collector of Assessments, asking to have his claim, presented on the 6th October last, for per centage on assessments, considered and disposed of by the Board. Received and laid upon the table.

The committee on finance presented a communication from the Comptroller stating that an improvement certificate for $275 40, held by Daniel Keenan, for filling sunken lots between Railroad avenue, Prospect and Morgan, and Morgan, Prospect and

Bay streets, expired this day. Received and ordered filed, and a warrant for the amount due ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the holder of the certificate to be delivered on its surrender.

The committee on streets presented a receipt, given by the City Treasurer on the 5th inst., to the Street Commissioner for one hundred dollars received by him for the said committee for vault fees.

Received and ordered filed.

Auditing of Claims.

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committee, reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Protection Engine Co. No. 5, $27 63; W. J. Stevens & Co. $6 50; R. B. Earle & Co. $60 04; F. Annes, $14 60; A. B. Reynolds, $6; McGuigan & Nugent $2 99; McGuigan and Nugent, $14 79; McGuigan & Nugent, $7 26; Joseph Shipley, $11 50; N. Ellis, $18 36; City Watchmen, $673 67; Doctor Reeve, $50; B. O. Edge, $18; Wm. Whitley, $150; G. E. Cutter, $125; Lorenzo Jaquins, $200.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of G. Morrow, $5 18; A. A. Rice, 37; H. A. Miller & Co, $10 82; J. O Neil, $10 25; B. Killey, $4; Boyes & Sharp, $36 13; Isaac Wakefield, $4 88; James Kerr, $13 50; Thomas Weldon, $4 75; M. Hanley, $9 50; W. Eaton, $20 50; H. Billingsley, $26; J. F. Richardson, $31; W. Lee, $105 89; Lewis Ryans, $49 75; M. McConnell, $2 50; C. N. Betts, $11 70; E. Hope, Jr., $10; Daily Telegraph, $11 75; and 53 45; George Morrow, $5; H. A. Miller & Co., $18 32, $119 87 and $10 39; H. Stiff, $3; Sunday Policemen, $30; Drayton & Durant, $120 77; James M. Newkirk, $19 50 and $9 75; Boyes & Sharp, $58 91; Capron & DeKlyn, $6 50; Kemp & Ward, $55 95; Alger & Brother, $121 23; J. B. & D. E. Culver, $14, and Board of Commissioners for assessment, $120.

Resolutions were presented, and motions were made and disposed of as follows:

Preamble and resolution by Ald. Erwin and adopted.

Whereas, It appears that but five licenses for omnibusses and stages have been issued during the present Corporation year, and that there are a number driven through the City without any license, therefore

Resolved, That the committee on Police and Licenses are hereby instructed to enquire into the matter, and cause prosecutions to be commenced against all parties who have violated the ordinance regulating and licensing omnibusses and stages.

Resolution by Ald. Hoffman and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on Alms be allowed to use five hundred dollars of their appropriations to pay bills which have not been provided for by resolution.

Resolution by Ald Griffith.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to take such legal steps as may be necessary to fund thirty thousand dollars of the present floating debt of Jersey City, and are hereby authorized to issue bonds for said purpose under the direction of his honor the Mayor and the City Clerk, for such amounts as they may find convenient to the accomplishment of such purpose.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nay—Ald Hoffman.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Rappleyea.

Motion by Ald. Hill, and adopted.

"That the communication of the collector of assessments presented at this meeting of the board, and his claim presented on the 6th October last, together with the corporation attorney's opinion of its validity reported by the committee on laws and ordinances on the 4th December last, be taken from the table and considered."

Motion by Ald Hill "that the claim be paid.

The motion was rejected by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Wilson, Hill and Edge.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, and Thompson.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hoffman, Insley, and Wilson.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb, and Rappleyea.

Motion by Ald Erwin and rejected.

"That the Mayor's veto of the ordinance defining the duties of City Surveyor, be taken from the table and considered."

Motion by Ald. Erwin and rejected.

"That the Mayor's veto of resolution respecting Charles G. Sisson's memorial in regard to abating nuisances, be taken from the table and considered."

Motion by Ald. Erwin and rejected.

"That the Mayor's veto of resolutions authorizing the purchase of lots from John H Broas, for the erection thereon of public buildings, be taken from the table and considered."

Motion by Ald Erwin and rejected.

"That the Mayor's veto of resolutions authorizing the purchase of lots from Dudley S Gregory, for the erection thereon of public buildings, be taken up and considered"

Motion by Ald. Erwin and rejected.

"That the Mayors veto of the resolutions ordering contracts to be made with the Jersey City Gas Light Company to light the streets of the city with gas, be taken up and considered."

Motion by Ald. Erwin and rejected.

"That the Mayor's veto of the resolution ordering the surrender to Selah Hill of his bond to the city, be aken up and considered."

Motion by Ald Hill and adopted.

"That the Chairman of the committee on streets be authorized in cases where he may deem it expedient to do so, to take promissory notes payable to the Mayor and Common Council in ninety days with interest; from parties now owing vault fees to the city, in payment of said fees."

Resolution by Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating South Third street, between Jersey avenue

and Prospect street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cobb and Rappleyea.

Resolution by Ald. Davenport—

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Patrick McPharlin, for nine hundred thirty-three 46-100 dollars as follows :

To Charles G. Sisson, for	$87 75	
" Charles G. Sisson, for	21 30	$933 46
" E. H. Main, for	252 39	
" P. McPharlin, for	571 02	

being the balance of his bill for regulating South Third street between Jersey avenue and Prospect st. and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb and Rappleyea.

(Ald Thompson and Griffith retired.)

Resolution by Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of John M. Leonard for one hundred thirty eight 75-100, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cobb, Griffith, Rappleyea, and Thompson.

Resolution by Ald Davenport.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of I.B. & D.E. Culver, for thirty-four 60-100 dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessments maps for regulating South Third street between Jersey avenue and Prospect st., and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cobb, Griffith, Rappleyea, and Thompson.

Resolution by Ald. Erwin—

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby requested to give notice to the Jersey City Gas Light Company that the Common Council are now ready to make the contract with said company according to the terms of the former resolution now on file in the City Clerk's office, passed, Nov. 18th, 1851.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Erwin, Wilson and Edge.

Yeas—Ald Erwin, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, and Keeney.

Absent—The President and Ald Cobb, Griffith, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Motion by Ald Insley and adopted.

" That Ald Hoffman be appointed chairman of the committee on Alms."

Motion by Ald. Keeney and adopted.

" That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended to enable the Board to appoint viva voce two Watchmen for the First ward."

Ald. Keeney moved " That Charles Conkling be appointed a cit watchman for the First ward."

Pending the consideration of which motioon.

On motion of Ald. Wilson, the board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with resolutions of the Common Council, passed January 15, 1856, and approved by the Mayor, Jan. 25. 1856, the Board of City Canvassers met at the City Clerk's office, on Friday, February 8th, 1856, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the return of a special election, held in the Fourth ward of Jersey City, on Tuesday the fifth day of February, A. D. 1856, for the election of one Alderman, from said ward, to fill the vacancy in the Common Council, caused by the removal of Samuel R. Tyrrell.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald Clarke, Edge, Erwin, Hill Hoffman, Keeney, Lyon, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson—and George W. Cassedy, City Clerk.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Greene, Griffith and Insley.

Mr. George W. Dempsey appeared and presented the requisite certificate of his appointment as the Judge of Election, from the Fourth ward, to attend the meeting of the Board of City Canvassers, and to act as one of its members, and took his seat in the Board.

On motion of Ald Lyon, Ald Hill was appointed Chairman of the Board.

The Chairman administered to each of the other members of the Board and to the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the City Charter, and Ald Thompson administered to the Chairman of the Board the oath required of him by the city charter at meetings of the Board of City Canvassers of the Annual Charter Elections

Thereupon Mr. George W. Dempsey, the Judge of Election from the Fourth Ward, produced the original statement, which was delivered to him by the Officers of Election in said Ward, and the same was laid before the Board and read.

The Board thereupon proceeded to canvass the votes given for Alderman, at the Special Election on the 5th instant.

The Board then proceeded to make a statement and final declaration of the name of the person who received the highest number of votes for the office of Alderman from the Fourth Ward.

On motion of Ald Lyon it was

Resolved, That the Chairman, and Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers be authorized and directed to make out, sign and publish in the Corporation Paper, a statement, and final declaration of the result of the Special Election, held on the fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, as made by this Board of City Canvassers.

The Chairman and Clerk were on motion directed to make out and present to the Common Council for payment the claim of this Board for their services as City Canvassers.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the minutes of the Board were approved.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned sine die.

SELAH HILL, Chairman of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the result of a special election held in the Fourth ward of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday the Fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, to elect one Alderman from said Ward, in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of Samuel R. Tyrrell, removed, made by the Board of City Canvassers.

Whole number of names on the poll list, Three Hundred and Sixty four. 364.

Whole number of ballots rejected six. 6.

FOR ALDERMAN.

Samuel R. Tyrrell received two hundred (200) votes.

Seneca Alger, received one hundred and fifty-five (155) vote.

Daniel Alger received two (2) votes.

Samuel Alger received one (1) vote.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the result of the election above mentioned, as the same is exhibited by the statement produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers, according to law; that the same exhibits the number of the names of the voters in the poll book of the Fourth ward of Jersey City. and of the ballots rejected; the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given; the number of votes given for each person, and the whole number of votes given for each person for the office of Alderman; as they appear by the statement so produced and laid before the said Board.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

SELAH HILL, Chairman of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers relative to a special election, held in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, for the election of one Alderman from said Fourth Ward, in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of Samuel R. Tyrrell removed.

The said Board do determine and declare that at the said special eleetion, Samuel R. Tyrrell having received the highest number of votes for the office of Alderman above mentioned, was duly elected an Alderman from the Fourth Ward of Jersey City in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of Samuel R. Tyrrell, removed

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

SELAH HILL, Chairman of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 19th, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President: Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, ~~Insley~~, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Wilson.

Ald. Keeney was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the regular order of business was suspended to enable him to offer a preamble and resolution, and he thereupon presented the following:

Whereas, Samuel R. Tyrrell formerly one of the Aldermen from the 4th ward of Jersey City, on the eighth day of January 1856 had charges preferred against him for corrupt conduct and violation of rules of the Common Bouncil of Jersey City and

Whereas, Said Samuel R. Tyrrell, appeared on the tenth day of January and responded to said charges, and was heard by his Counsel in a manner demanded by himself and his Counsel, and the Common Council after hearing the charges and evidence adduced for and against him did by a vote of twelve to two, (one member being absent) expel ~~the~~ said Samuel R. Tyrrell from the Common Council of Jersey City, and

Whereas, No further or other evidence has been adduced before this body to relieve said S R Tyrrell from the charges so preferred, and proven to be true, and inasmuch as no one of the charges so brought and sustained have been disproved, but still remain in full force against said Samuel R. Tyrrell, and whereas, said Tyrrell claims a right to a seat in the Common Council under the election which was held to fill the vacancy occasioned by his removal from the office of Alderman, which claim if acceded to, would entirely nullify the act of the Common Council in relation to the said charges, and would render entirely nugatory and unavailing, the power given by the Charter to the Common Council to expel an Alderman, and it appearing to us that the power given by the charter of Jersey City is similar to the power contained in the Constitution of the United States, which declares that each house shall be the judge of the election and returns and qualifications of its own members, and each house may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two-thirds expel a member.

And it further appears that the Constitution of New Jersey contains the same language in its rules and regulations. And it appears to us that such powers expressed in such language, have received a construction which would sustain the action of the Common Council of Jersey City, and to strengthen our position we have only to refer to the language of Judge Story in his commentaries on the Constitution of the United States, wherein he declares, after citing many examples. "It seems therefore to be settled, by the Senate upon full deliberation that expulsion may be for any misdemeanor, which, though not punishable by any statute, is inconsistent with the trust and duty of a Senator." Now therefore these matters being fully considered,

Resolved, That the President of this Common Council be directed not to appoint Samuel R. Tyrrell on any Committee of this body, and that clerk the do not call the name of Samuel R.Tyrrell among the list of members, in any action, vote, or proceeding of this Common Council, and that he be not allowed to take part in any debate, on any question which may come before this board of Aldermen.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Thompson, Wilson and Erwin.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Keeney.

Ald. Greene not voting, having asked to be, and on motion being excused, for the reason that he was absent during the whole of the proceeedings of the board touching the expulsion of Alderman Tyrrell.

Ald Davenport offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, there are reports in circulation that the building and completing of the Hook and Ladder and Hose House, corner of Grand and Van Vorst sts, cost the city more than the contract therefor, and

Whereas, it is currently reported that some of the members of the Common Council have been directly and indirectly interested in some contracts for improvements; and in the sale of articles; and in the performing of work, the consideration for which has been paid out of the City Treasury, which, if true, being a direct violation of the provisions of the Charter and our Oath of office, and

Whereas, it is the imperative duty of the Common Council to examine into such reports, and vindicate the character, honor, and integrity of its members and publicly refute such charges if not founded upon facts. Therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed with instructions to examine minutely into the contract for, and the building, and completing Hook and Ladder and Hose House, corner Grand and Van Vorst sts., and any other contracts, and jobs of work, in which they may have reason to suppose the Common Council may have been deceived, or imposed upon; or any of the provisions of the charter have been violated, and report the same to the Common Council without unnecessary delay.

The preamble and resolution were adopted, and Ald. Davenport, Griffith and Hill were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald Wilson, it was

Resolved, That when this board adjourn, it will adjourn to meet again at the Common Council Chamber on Suesday the 26th instant, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows-

Communication from James Gopsil, giving a statement of amount of personal property sold by him as a city auctioneer, and of the amount of commissions due from him to the city on said sales. Ordered filed.

Petition from James Gilkinson, asking the city

treasurer, be directed to pay to him, the amount of a warrant drawn in favor of Joseph H. Fairbanks which he holds on the written order of said Fairbanks. Ref to com on finance.

(Ald. Keeney appeared and took his seat.)

Petition of Henry Galagher to be appointed a city watchman. Laid upon the table

Petition of John J. Hill and others for the appointment of James Williams as a city watchman. On account of its informality, leave was granted to James Williams to withdraw the petition.

Remonstrances of P. H. Zabriskie and others, and of Cornelius Van Vorst, against the granting of the application of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad Company, for permission to lay a railroad track through the streets of the city. Laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows.

Of H. A. Miller & Co., $12 63; H. A. Miller & Co., $94 84; W. Eaton, $20 50; and W. Eaton, $21 50. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of T. Rosenbury, $6; Mrs A. M. Morehouse, $21 25; and Jersey City Courier, $10. Ref. to com. on fire and water.

Of H. Reily, $42 22; H. V. Schenck, $23; and H. Reily, $38. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of James B. Dunn, $20; A. Van Riper, $5 50; and James B Dunn, $12. Ref to committee on salaries, offices, and elections

Of John P Masseker, $5; Daily Telegraph, $33-20; and Daily Telegraph, $13 75. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of special ~~Election~~ Police, $12; and $24; and day police, $30 Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of W. H. Wood, $25; and $12. Ref to com. on public grounds and buildings.

Of Isaac W. Scudder, $50. Ref to com. on laws and ordinances.

Of Mathias Barbanks, $156. Laid upon the table.

Of Marshall & Morris, $52 06. returned by com on public grounds and buildings to which it was referred on the 5th inst. The claim was referred to com. on fire and water.

Requisitions from board of education for payment of the following claims, viz:

Of C. Shepherd & Co., $362 28; Vanderbeek, Cameron & Co., $1 50 and $1 09; J C. Hardy, $1 50; W. Powell, $41 37; Joshua Wilson, $2 50. Warrants for the amounts were ordered to be drawn on the City treasurer in favor of the claimants named.

Communications and reports from the Mayor and other City Officers

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 18th inst., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Feb. 18, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

I have received, and herewith return without my approval, a resolution, authorizing the chairman of the committee on streets, when he may deem it expedient to do so, to take their promissory notes payable to the Mayor and Common Council in ninety days with interest from parties now owing vault fees to the city

This departure from a long established rule, for collecting fees or taxes, levied by authority of the ordinance of the Common Council, seems to be both unwise and unjust, and establishing a precedent, dangerous in its tendency.

Every law should be made as general as possible, and to operate with uniform equality—that its privileges and penalties may fall with like force upon all, so that every citizen may feel its justice and acknowledge the necessity of its strict enforcement.

There is manifest injustice in the proposition before me, while some of our citizens are compelled to pay their vault fees, according to, law, before permit is given to open the streets,—others are given unlimited credit, and still others, by this resolution will be permitted to pay up their arrears by giving promissory notes to the Mayor and Common Council at ninety days.

The ordinance regulating the construction of vaults in the public streets expressly directs that "*No person shall construct any vault in any street except by, and with the consent of the Common Council, od the payment of such sums as shall be established by them.* It will thus be seen that no person is entitled to any credit, on vault fees, if any one desires to construct a vault in the street, he must first get a permit, and pay the five dollars fee, (or such amount as the Common Council may fix,) before he can open a public street, or be liable to heavy penalties.

These fees should be promptly paid into the city treasury whenever permits are given, and if grants have been given to open streets for the objects above named, without the required fees, in all such cases, the officer having charge of the matter, is liable for the amount, and should at once pay it into the city treasury. Suppose this resolution was allowed to go into effect, and some of the parties were to fail, and their notes prove worthless, the parties giving the grants without the fees, and now liable, would be relieved, and the whole responsibility, would rest upon the Common Council as a body. There is another point upon which we must all agree, that is, if the requirements of the ordinance relating to vaults, had been faithfully observed and the fees collected and paid into the treasury at the time of granting the permits, there would have been no occasion for the resolution now under consideration.

Therefore I cannot lend it my sanction

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Edge moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor"

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—None.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 19th inst., and the same was read received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Feb 19, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

I herewith return without my approval a resolution authorising the payment of two hundred dollars to Lorenzo Jaquins, collector of taxes, for extra services.

That this amount for the collector can only be drawn from the city treasury by a palpable violation of law, it is merely necessary to refer you to the 71 section of the charter, and the 7th section of the ordinance prescribing the duties of the collector of Taxes, to convince every reasonable and unbiased member of the fact.

The compensation of the collector of Taxes for the current year, has been fixed by the general salary ordinance, at five hundred dollars.

The section of the ordinance prescribing the duties of the collector, above referred to, says, "that the collector of Taxes shall receive such *stated compensation* as shall be fixed by the *general ordinance* providing for the payment of salaries, and the section of the charter to which I have directed your attention, declaers that the *compensation* of any officer which has been once fixed by *general ordinance shall not be increased during the continuance of his term in office*. It will therefore be seen, that when the compensation of an officer has thus been fixed it can not be *increased*, no matter how worthy the recipient or how important the services rendered.

I am advised, that this extra compensation, is intended for services performed under the direction of some committee, or member of your honorable body for collecting taxes beyond the time fixed by law, for the collector to receive the same.

The charter directs "that the collector of said city, in case of the nonpayment of Taxes on or before the 20th December in each year, shall make out a list of the names of the delinquents with the sums due from them respectively, thereto annexed, and deliver the same to the clerk of said city under oath, on the 30th day of the same month," and the only authorized officer under the charter to collect after the 20th of December, is the collector of arrears of taxes, who is required to add 12 per cent. per annum, on all sums collected after that date, and neither the Mayor, the Common Council, or any committee thereof, has the power to direct or compel either of said officers to depart from the faithful discharge of his duty, thus plainly marked out by the charter.

It will therefore appear that this extra compensation is for services unlawfully rendered.

Under these circumstances I cannot give my sanction to a measure so clearly at variance with a faithful discharge of my duty.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Wilson moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was declared rejected; the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, and Thompson.

Nays—Ald Edge, Hoffman, Insley, Rappleyea, and Wilson.

Absent—None.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor stating that he has suspended from duty, City Watchmen John L. Brown and Henry Paynton accompanied by the charges on which they have been suspended Ref to Com. on Watch.

A report from the corporation attorney was presented stating that the suit of Stephen Quaife against the city had terminated in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $117, and asking for instructions as to whether the case shall be carried up to the Supreme Court for adjudication.

Ref. to Com. on Laws and Ordinances with power to carry the case up to the Supreme Court if said Committee deem it to the interest of the City to do so

The city clerk presented reports of publication of notices of "Application to have a sewer constructed in South Third street, with all the lateral drains, commencing at the Hudson River near Provost st., and running thence through South Third street to connect with the proposed canal, substantially as shown on a sewerage map, adopted by the board of water commissioners," and "Application to have Prospect street from Newark avenue to Pavonia ave. regulated, graded, paved, etc. Reports received and ordered filed.

The Recorder's report for the quarter ending January 31st, 1856, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

The quarterly report of the overseer of the poor, and the superintendent of the alms house, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire depatment, announcing the resignations of Thomas Harrington, I. F. Vanderbeek, Edward Swartout, Thomas I. Conry, John Schanlan, O. S. Johnson, John F. Criger, and Isaac W. Frazee, from engine company No. 3, the decease of Thos. W Morehouse, formerly a member of the same company; and the expulsion of John Drenen from the same company; the resignation of Henry P. Robertson from Hook and Ladder company No. 2; and asking permission for the transfer of Charles Cook from said company to Hudson Hose company No. 1.

Communications received, and the elections approved, permission granted to make the transfer, and the proper entries of the resignations and death ordered to be made by the City Clerk.

The following communication from the Board of Education, was presented.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education held Tuesday evening, Feb. 12th. 1856, it was on motion.

Resolved, That the salary of Miss Woodhouse be increased from $250 to $300, to take effect on the first of May next, subject to the approval of the Common Council.

Extract from the minutes. D. GOULD,
Clerk of Board of Education.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The foregoing is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at their last regular meeting, and I transmit the same to you for

such action as may be deemed proper and expedient.

Very respectfully,
D. GOULD,
Clerk of the Board of Education.

Jersey City, Feb. 18th, 1856.

The communication was received, and on motion of Ald. Greene it was

Resolved, That this Common Council do approve of the increase of salary made by the Board of Education, in the case of Miss Woodhouse, from $250 to $300, to take effect on the first day of May next.

The committee on application of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad Company, presented a report accompanied by a resolution, in favor of granting the application of said Company.

The report was received, laid upon the table, and ordered to be published in the minutes of the Common Council.

Seid report being as follows:

The undersigned special committee to whom was referred the application made by the Jersey City and Bergen Point railroad company for permission to lay their railroad track throught a portion of the streets of Jersey City, respectfully report that they have examined the act incorporating said company, and find that the said company will be prohibited from using any other than horse power in running their cars and carriages, for which reason, your committee can see no objection whatever to granting the permission asked, but on the contrary are of opinion, that the running of cars drawn by horses through the streets will be a great convenience for the public, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution for the purpose of carrying out the views of the committee respecting the application.

Dated, Jersey City, Feb. 18, 1856.

R. R. RAPPLEYEA,
ALEXANDER WILSON,
SELAH HILL,
} Special Committee

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to the Jersey Cityand Bergen Point Railroad Company to lay their railroad track in the following portions of the streeets of Jersey City, viz.: commencing at or near the ferry, running from thence through Hudson to York street, through York to Gregory street, through Gregory to Wayne street, through Wayne to Colgate street, through Colgate street to Railroad Avenue, through said avenue to the westerly limits of the city; and for a turnout track, from Wayne street, through Putnam rtreet to York street down York to the intersection of Gregory st. and also to lay a turnout track in Hudson st.; provided, that said railroad company shall be subject within the city limits to the ordinances of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, and shall lay a grove rail, similar to the one used by the 6th Avenue and 8th Avenue railroad companies on their horse track in New York.

The Com. on Finance reported as correct the City Treasurer's reports for November, December, and January last. Reports received and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on streets reported the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading paving, and laying side-walks, curbing, guttering, and cross-walks at all the intersections where the same has not already been done in Prospect-st. from Newark Avenue to Pavonia avenue."

(Ald. Rappleyea obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Davenport from the Com. on Assessments presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South Seventh street between Newark avenue and Jersey avenue, and that said assessment be confirmed

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Rappleyea

Ald Davenport, from the committee on assessments presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Common Council, held Feb. 5th, confirming the assessment for regulating South Third street, from Jersey avenue to Prospect st. Also for improvement certificates for the same improvement to Charles G. Sisson, E. H. Main and P. McPharlin be, and they are hereby rescinded.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald. Rappleyea.

Ald. Davenport from the committee on assessments presented the assessment for regulating South Third street between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport from the committee on assessments presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for regulating South Third st, between Jersey Avenue and Prospect street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 23 Montgomery st. and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the first Tuesday in March, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing The resolution was adopted.

The following resolutions were presented by Ald. Davenport, frem the committee on assessments, and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, that an improvement certificate or certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Jas G. Noyes, for two thousand three hundred and thirty-two 44-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for regulating South Seventh street, between Newark avenue and Jersey avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Green, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Rappleyea.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William G. Hunt, for fifty dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Seventh street, between Newark avenue and Jersey avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Rappleyea.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the finance committee in favor of Quaife & Otley, for thirty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulating of South Seventh street between Newark Avenue and Jersey Avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto-

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald. Rappleyea.

Resolved, That the improvement for the regulation Jersey st., from Mercer st., to Grand st., vetoed by his honor the Mayor, on account of its not being to the established grade, be referred back to the committee on streets with instructions to have said improvements made in accordance with the ordinance defining said improvement. The resolution was adopted.

Whereas the Mayor and Common Council did enter into a contract with Wm. A. Cummings to regulate Jersey street, from Mercer street to Grand street, said work to be done under the direction of the Committee on Streets and Superintendent appointed by said Committee; and whereas the City Surveyor having charge of said work did give said contractor a grade which is not the last established by law, and as the Common Council has accepted the work from said contractor as his part of the contract being fulfilled, and as the Common Council cannot confirm said Assessment until the improvement is made in accordance with the ordinance defining the same, therefore be it

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Wm. A. Cummings, for six thousand eight hundred and thirty-five 3-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for regulating Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand Street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Wilson it was

Resolved, That the applicants for the construction of a sewer in South Seventh street, be requested to deposit with the City Treasurer the sum of seventy-five dollars to defray the preliminary expenses of constructing said sewer, in case the improvement be not carried through.

On motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the vote be rescinded by which at the last meeting, a claim of McGuigan & Nugent, amounting to $2 99, was ordered paid, and on motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the city clerk be requested to cancel said claim on his books.

Ald Cobb offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby instructed under the direction of the committee on laws to collect from Messrs. White & Chilvers, ninety dollars, for vault fees. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Insley offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That two constables for each ward be elected at the next charter election. The resolution was adopted.

A protest, signed "Ald Samuel R. Tyrrell of the Fourth ward, Jersey City" "against the action of the Common Council in passing resolutions depriving him of his rights as an Alderman of the Fourth ward of Jersey City" was presented, read, and on motion of Ald. Wilson, received and laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 16th October last, was taken up for consideration, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering and flagging the side walks in South First street, between Grove and Prospect streets, including both intersections."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Rappleyea.

Ald Edge from the committee on fire and water, presented a communication from Alexander M. Smith, stating that he has examined Washington Engine No. 4, and finds her very much out of repair, but will give for said engine in her present condition four hundred dollars worth of hose at the market price.

On motion of Ald Edge it was

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be authorized to dispose of Engine No. 4, to Alexander M. Smith, on the terms proposed in his communication.

On the motion of Ald. Hill, the Mayor's veto of the resolutions to make a contract with the Jersey City Gas Light Company, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, the message was laid upon the table again.

(Ald. Clarke obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Hill, the veto by his honor the Mayor, laid upon the table on the 20th September, providing for the purchase of lots from John H. Broas, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, Ald. Rappleyea's motion laid upon the table at the same meeting was taken up for consideration, viz :

"That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

Ald. Rappleyea's motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Clarke and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Erwin the Mayor's veto laid before the Board on the 20th September last of the resolution providing for the purchase of lots from D. S. Gregory, and also Ald Rappleyea's motion laid upon the table at that meeting, viz :

'That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor," were taken up for consideration.

Ald. Rappleyea's motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Clarke and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Hill the vote was reconsidered by which the motion was rejected at the last evening to pay the claim of Jacob Z. Marinus, collector of assessments, amounting to $345 12.

(Ald. Edge obtained leave and retired.

The question was taken on the motion to pay the claim, and the motion was rejected

Ald Erwin offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, The Common Council are informed that the Water Commissioners have leased out for three years the ice in Bergen Reservoir for $1000 per annum, an act on the part of the Commissioners of more than doubtful expediency—one in which the people of this city have a deep interest, and the Common Council cannot but regard the measure as a direct violation of the powers conferred.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be referred to the committee on health, to report at the next meeting, and if thought expedient to call a public meeting.

On motion of Ald Thompson the first resolution was amended by striking out the words "for one thousand dollars per annum."

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to a special committee, and that Ald. Erwin be Chairman of the said committee.

Ald. Griffith, Hill and Insley, were appointed to constitute with Ald. Erwin such special committee.

The following claims and accounts were presented in the early part of the meeting, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct, and ordered paid.

Of R. D. McClelland, $125 ; Isaac Wakefield, 26 39 ; G E. Cutter, $9 75 ; Jasper Wandle. $62 50 : D. Bedford $25 ; Hudson County Mutual Insurance Company, $25 ; and Board of City Canvassers, $25 50.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of E. Hope, Junior, $2 50 : Quaife & Otley. $14 ; H. Billingsley, $26 ; and Drayton & Durant $144 38.

A claim of G. B. Stone, for one quarte's rent of Watch House, due on the 1st inst., amounting to $30 was presented and ordered paid.

On motion of Ald. Wilson the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, Febr'y 26th, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P M.

Present—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Greene.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received and disposed of as follows :

Communication from James Broadmeadow, in relation to a sale for taxes, of property in which he is interested. Ref. to com. on finance.

Petition of A. F. Burlew and others, to have Newark avenue, from its present termination near Monmouth street, to the foot of Bergen Hill, or the boundary line between Jersey City and Hudson City regulated, paved, &c. Ref to com. on laws and ordinances, with instructions to confer with the corporation attorney, and ascertain whether a transfer of all control over said avenue, cannot be obtained from the Newark Turnpike Company to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City.

Petition of F. Spengeman and others, for the removal of obstructions in that part of the Henderson street sewer, which lies between Wayne street and Newark avenue etc. Ref to com. on sewers with power to abate the nuisance.

Claims and accounts were presented received and disposed of as follows :

Of John Shannon, $4 50 Ref. to committee on Schools.

Of I B. & D. E. Culver, $51 90. Ref. to com. on streets.

Of Isaac Wakefield, $10 96 Ref to committee on alms

Of Isaac Wakefield, $4 68. Ref to com. on public grounds and buildings

Of Capron & De Klyn, $9 59 Ref. to com. on fire and water.

Of Isaac Wakefield, $12 12 Ref. to committee on lamps.

The following communication from his Honor the Mayor, and the report referred to, were presented, and received.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Feb. 26, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

I have this day received a communication from the President of the Board of Water Commissioners enclosing the seventh semi-annual report of that Board, which I herewith have the honor to transmit to your honorable Body.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the reading of the report made by the Water Commissioners, be dispensed with, and that it be published in pamphlet form under their direction and at their direction and at their expense. The resolution was adopted.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, calling the attention of the Common Council to certain acts now pending before the Legislature of New Jersey, and recommending that the City take measures to have the interests of Jersey City guarded in said Acts.

On motion of Ald. Hoffman the communication was received, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Said communication being as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Feb. 26th, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

I am informed that there are now pending before the Legislature of our State certain bills, which if allowed to pass in their present form would seriously militate against the interests of our city.

Therefore from a sense of public duty I feel called upon to lay the matter officially before your Honorable Body that you may take such action thereon as will best secure the rights of the city against the further encroachments of any private or mercenary corporation.

The bill now before the Legislature for the "Union Omnibus Company" confers power upon said Company without any restrictions, to establish routes and lines through any or every street of the city in defiance of the authorities, and without being subject to the regulations now established by ordinance under the charter.

There is another bill—a supplement to the charter of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad Company, which I am informed confers extraordinary powers on said Company, and in the absence of the bill, I can only submit for your information the published application upon which it is based, which reads as follows.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of New Jersey at their next Session for liberty to increase the Capital Stock of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad Company to $250,000; for leave to construct the Road from some point at or near the Hudson River, within the limits of Jersey City, and south of the Railroad of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, through said city and the township of Bergen, to Bergen Point without any provisos or restrictions regarding the said company, to obtain any consent from any of the municipal authorities of the cities or townships through which the said Road shall pass ; for leave to commence running cars when one mile or more of the road shall be completed, and to make and establish branches on or near to said Railroad.

It will be seen by this application that the Company may lay their track or tracks, and run their cars through any street or streets, south of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Co., within the city limits, that they may elect, without any restrictions whatever, a power, which may be greatly abused, and in my judgment should never be granted to any such corporation.

There is still another bill—a supplement to the Plank Road Charter, of its provisions, I have not been informed, but that Company should be compelled to make and keep their road within the limits of the city in conformity with the ordinances of the Common Council, and to pay its share of assessments in grading the street through which said road is laid.

I would suggest to your Honorable Body, the propriety of respectfully memorializing the Legislature upon the subject, and remonstrating against the passage of any of said bills unless they contain the necessary provisions requiring said Companies within the limits of the city to conform to our municipal regulations

The people of our city have from time to time tamely submitted to the encroachments of private associations. Speculative and stock-jobing corporations, now hemming them in on every side, and eating out their very substance, until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. Many of these corporations, by special enactments of the Legislature are permitted to hold a vast amount of property in the very heart of our city, exempt from Taxation; others pay no taxes at all, and still others pay their taxes for the support of the city government, under protest, while all have the use of our streets, and require our Lights, Police and Fire Department for the protection of their property, and every other privilege that is enjoyed by our tax-paying citizens.

I would not have you understand that we should oppose any Company who has been so fortunate as to obtain such exclusive privileges. When once obtained, they should be protected in their rights, but it is our duty as the representatives of the people to protest against any further Legislation that tends to degrade our city authorities, or confer upon any Company, privileges inconsistent with the best interests of the city, and the rights of her citizens

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be requested to prepare a memorial in the name of the corporate authorities of the City, remonstrating against the passage of acts referred in the communication of his honor the Mayor, and against all other applications pending before the Legislature affecting the interests of Jersey City, unless the rights of the City be guarded in said acts, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to sign said memorial and forward it to our representatives in the Legislature, for presentation to that body.

The following communication, and a summons against the City at the suit of Jacob Z. Marinus, were presented and received.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Jersey City, Feb. 26, 1856.

JOHN H. LYON, Esq,
President of the Common Council.

The enclosed summons has been served on me since your last meeting, which you will please lay before the Common Council.

Very respectfully yours,
D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

The summons was referred to the corporation attorney, with instructions to defend the suit.

A communication was presented from the Recorder, stating that in his last quarterly report he made a mistake, and that it should read, that in the month of November 1855, $38 were received for fines, instead of $18, and asking that his communication be attached to said report. Communication received,

and the communication ordered to be attached to said report.

The following report of the City Clerk, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council, that on the 25th inst., Alderman Rappleyea, filed his resignation in the City Clerk's office, as a member of the Common Council of Jersey City, said resignation to take effect on the day of its being filed.

Jersey City, February 26, 1856.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

A communication was presented from the Corporation attorney, in relation to the certiorari obtained by the New Jersey Railroad Company to remove into the Supreme Court, the assessment upon their property for the regulation of North side of Rail road avenue from Jersey to Brunswick street, and recommending that the matter be referred to the committee on laws and ordinances, with power after investigating the circumstances to proceed,in or settle the same. Ref. to com. on laws and ordinances, with the power recommended.

A communication was presented from the corporation attorney in relation to the certirorari obtained by the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, to remove into the Supreme Court the assessment upon their property for regulating Prospect street from Newark avenue to Bay street.—Communication received, and referred to the committee on laws and ordinances with instructions to confer with the corporation attorney, and report to this Board upon the subject.

The committee on police and Licenses to whom was referred on the 5th inst., the complaint of Policemen Treadwell, Babington and J. M. Clark, against the Chief of Police, presented a report setting forth at length the facts in regard to the employment of night Watchmen, Policemen &c.

Report received and ordered filed.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the claim of David Smith for $109 99 being claim No. 7290, which was presented to the Common Council June 19th 1855, and which was subsequently reported by the committee on salaries offices and elections and laid upon the table, be taken from the table and referred to the committee on finance for examination.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hoffman offered the following preamble and resolution, and the same were adopted.

Whereas, The appropriation for the Alms House was over spent on the 31 January,

Resolved, That the committee on alms is hereby instructed to purchase by contract, through the corporation paper,such articles as are and may be necessary for the Alms House till a fresh appropriation can be made.

On motion of Ald Thompson the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR, AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

The following report was presented to the Common Council of Jersey City February 19, 1856, read, received and ordered to be published in the Corporation Paper.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, February 22, 1856.

Jersey City, February 1, 1856.

Mayor and Common Council.

Gentlemen—The Overseer of the Poor respectfully presents your honorable body with his quarterly report ending January 31st 1856, from which will appear that one hundred and ninety (190) adults and five hundred and seventy children (570) have been relieved with groceries and two hundred and fourteen (214) families received coal. The increase of misery is steadily moving on as intemperance abounds. That our worthy Common Council may be alive to the fact, thereby passing some ordinance to prevent the sale of that destructive liquid.

The expenses of the out door Poor have been on the following account:

Donations in groceries	$640 02
Children to nurse	23 00
Shoes	10 00
Transportation of paupers	11 00
Interments	10 00
Total	$694 02

The Superintedent of the Alms House respectfully presents his quarterly report ending January 31st, 1856.

The whole number remaining in the house on the 1st November were	57
Admitted from Nov. 1st to Feb- 1st	61
Total	118

Of which number they were			Male adults	21
do	do	do	Female "	30
do	do	do	Male children	33
do	do	do	Female "	23
			Birth	1
Total				118

Discharged, died and adopted within the above period. Male adults,	7
Obtained situations, females	6
do do male children,	7
Adopted female "	2
Death—male adults	1
Total	23

Remaining in the house Feb. 1, 1856—85

The expenses of the Institution has been $627 12 on the following account:

Groceries,	391 00
Meat,	93 32
Soap,	14 00
Shoes,	20 72
Lumber,	10 83
Wood,	11 25
Hardware,	4 00
Dry Goods,	70 00
Feed and Straw,	12 00
Total	$627 12
Goods on hand including Coal,	400 00
	$227 12

You will perceive by the three quarterly reports, that there has been expended bp the Overseer of the Poor $4,562 including Coal.

In the distribution of the charities of the City, I have acted with the view to the best interests of all concerned, in an economical distribution of the public monies, in relieving the pressing necessities of the distressed, and in this course I hope I have the approbation of your Honorable Body and the community in generall

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITLEY,

Overseer of the Poor, and Superintendent of Alms House.

RECORDER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

The following report was presented to the Common Council of Jersey City, Feb. 19th 1856, received and ordered to be published in the Corporation Paper.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Jersey City, February 22, 1856.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City.

I herewith submit to you my third quarterly report ending Jan. 31st, 1856.

There were arrested by the day police and night watch in the month of November 1855, seventy one persons who were disposed of as follows:

Nineteen were fined $2.	$18 00
Twenty eight were committed to the City Prison.	
Nineteen were committed to the County Prison	
Five were discharged.	
For violating City ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, one.	$20 00
	38 00
There were arrested by the day police and night watch in the month of December 1855, fiifty-nine persons.	
Eight were fined $2.	$16 00
Thirty were committed to City Prison.	
Eight were committed to County Prison.	
Three were discharged.	
There were arrested by the day police and night watch in the month of January 1856, thirty persons.	
Ten were fined $2.	20 00
Twelve were committed to City Prison	
Five were committed to County Prison	
Three were discharged.	
For violating city ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, one.	10 00
Total for the quarter ending Jan. 31, 1856	$84 00
To amount paid into the Treasury for six months ending October 31, 1855,	1222 00
Total amount,	$1306 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. CUTTER, Recorder.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, March 4, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M

In the absence of the President, tho Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Edge. Erwin, Greene Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cobb and Davenport.

On motion of Ald. Edge, Ald. Hill was appointed President pro tempore

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 19th ult, were read, amended so as to read that the applicants for the construction of a sewer in South Third street, instead of South Seventh st., be required to make a deposit of Seventy five dollars with the City Treasurer to defray preliminary expenses, and as amended were approved ; and the minutes of the adjourned meeting of the 26th ult., were read and approved.

Petitions, communication, etc , were presented, received, and disposed of as follows :

Petition of Garret W. Patterson, for relief in respect to a sale of his property for taxes—Ref. to Com. on finance.

Petition of Benjamin O. Edge to have the assessment for the regulation of South Third street, between Grove and Erie streets, corrected before its confirmation. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Petition of Patrick Reily to be released from payment of an assessment for curb and gutter on the south west corner of Grove st. and South 3d street, where the petitioner alleges that no curb has been set Ref. to com. on assessments.

Petition of Stephen Garretson and others, owners of lots on South Fourth street, to have that street, between Coles street and Newark avenue, regulated, etc Ref. to com. on streets.

Communication from Henry Payaton, city watchman, denying the truth of the charge which has been preferred against him, and asking that action be taken to bring the investigation of the matter to a speedy close Ref. to com. on watch.

Communication from David Bedford and others, complaining of the condition of the street lamps in the Fourth ward, that they are extremely dirty and have been so for a long time past, etc. Ref. to com. on lamps.

Petition of William Gaul and Benjamin Freeman, in relation to property belonging to them which has been sold for taxes Ref. to com. on finance.

Copy of a rule, granted by the Supreme Court to show cause why a peremptory mandamus should not be issued directed to the Common Council, commanding them to admit Samuel R. Tyrrell, to a seat in the Common Council as an Alderman, etc. Laid upon the table.

Remonstrance of Jonathan Jenkins and others, against granting permission to the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad company, to lay their track through York street. Laid upon the table.

A claim of J. A. French $10 59, was presented, but not received, and was ordered to be returned to Mr. French for not being properly sworn to.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows :

Of J.F.Richardson, $33 25 and H. Billingsley, $26 Ref to com. on lamps.

Of C. N. Betts, $15 79 ; S. Billington, $13 ; Drayton & Durant, $200 72; Joseph B. Conkling, $25 58; H. McFadden, 18 56 ; and Peter Farmer, $60 39. Ref. to com. on Alms.

Of Narine & Co., $4 ; W. C. Morris, $210 ; and J. Z. Marinus, $198 65. Ref. to com on finance.

Of H. Gilbert, $25 ; and Watch Department, for ringing fire bells, $12. Ref. to com. on fire and water.

Of J. F. Richardson, $16 50. Ref. to com. on watch.

The following claims were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Of A. T. Smith, $100 ; City Watchmen $667 16 ; N. Ellis $33 12 ; J. McDonald, $54.

A claim of Fidelity Sons of Temperance, for rent of Common Council Chamber for the quarter ending February 1st, 1856, amounting to $75, was presented, and ordered paid

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of Marshall & Morris, $52 06; D. Smith, $109 99; and the interest to be added ; Daily Telegraph, $33 20 ; Water Commissioners, $68 64 ; G. W. Gardner, $108 22 ; Daily Telegraph, $13 75 ; Judges of 4th ward special election, $12 ; James B Dunn, $20 ; A. Van Riper, $5 50 ; H. Reilly, $38 ; H. Reilly, $42 22 ; Isaac Wakefield, $10 96 ; H. V. Schenck, $23 ; Special Policemen, $24 ; Special Policemen, $12 ; Day Policemen, $30 ; Mrs. Morehouse, $21 25 ; Jersey City Courier, $10 ; Capron & DeKlyn, $9, 59 ; and T Rosenberg, $6.

The City Treasurer's report for February 1856, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st March inst., amounting to $450 ; was presented, received, and referred to the committee on finance.

A communication from the Comptroller, stating that improvement certificates Nos. 80, 84, and 95, have fallen due, was presented, received, and on motion of Ald. Griffith it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised to issue the usual requisition upon the Treasurer, at the end of thirty days.

A Communication from the Chief of Police, asking to be reimbursed for expenditures made by him in the city of New York in arresting parties who have committed burglaries in this city, was presented, received, and referred to the committee on police and licenses.

A communication from the corporation Attorney, in reference to the certiorari the New Jersey Rail Road company of the assessment for laying side walks on the east side of Hudson street, was presented, and referred to the committee on laws and ordinance

The city clerk presented reports of publication of notices of "application to have Bay street, between Wasington and Greene streets filled up three feet.', Confirmation of assessment for regulating South 3d street between Jersey Avenue and Prospect street." The reports were received and ordered filed.

The city clerk presened a letter received by him, from Hon. John D. Ward, acknowledging the receipt of the memorial of the Mayor and common council in reference to sundry acts before the Legis

lature and stating the position of said acts. The letter was received and order filed.

A majority report of the commttee on Passaic ice contract, signed by Ald. Hill, Cobb and Insley, and a miniority report from same committee signed by Ald. Erwin, and Griffith, were prsented, received, and ordered to be published in the minutes of the Common Council. (Said reports being as follows)

MAJORITY REPORT.

The undersigned a committee appointed by the Common Council on the 19th February last, to enquire into the contract made by the Water Commissioners of Jersey City, with James F. Fielder & Co., and to report thereon at the next meeting.

Beg leave to report, That on or about the 20th Jan. last, the Engineer of the Water Commissioners called the attention of the Board to a specimen of ice cut from the Bergen Hill reservoir, that the Water Commissioners spoke to several persons about it, amongst the rest to some of the firm of Fielder & Co., which resulted in the said firm making a proposition on the 26th January, 1856, to give the Water Commissioners the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, for three years, from the 1st of November next, for the privilege of cutting ice thereon, and to pay them for this season at the minimum price for water, for what they might use, provided, they were so fortunate as to get any ice this season. This proposition was modified as per annexed copy of contract will show, this contract was drawn up for the Water Commissioners to sign which they have not done as yet, through some informalities in the wording of it, the individuals composing the firm of James F. Fielder & Co, should have been mentioned and some other alterations all of which were ordered to be corrected and entered on the contract by the advice of the attorney for the Board of Water Commissioners. Your committee have ascertained that the firm of James F. Fielder & Co., is composed of James Fielder, Andrew Clerk and J. H. Gautier, but in their ice contract they associated with them Francis P. Gautier. Your committee have examined into the cutting and storing of ice on the Bergen Hill reservoir, and find that the said James F. Fielder & Co., have used all precautions in preventing any impurities from mingling with the water, and that the water is in no way injured by the aforesaid operation. Your committee have likewise satisfied themselves that the Water Commissioners have acted in good faith in this matter, with a single eye to the best interests of the city, that the contract made by James F. Fielder & Co., will result in yielding the city many thousand dollars per annum, but depending in a great measure on the season, but which cannot after this season be under $1000 per annum. Your committee cannot find that any other offer for the ice has been made to the Water Commissioners, and the statement in the papers that parties were ready to give a great deal more than the contract with Fielder & Co., and not touch the ice are entirely unfounded so far as your committee have been able to trace out; nevertheless in the opinion of your committee it would have given more general satisfaction had the Water commissioners advertised for proposals for taking the ice.

Jersey City, March 3d, 1856.

SELAH HILL,
LOUIS B. COBB,
H. E INSLEY.

This agreeament made and concluded, this day of , 1856, by and between the Water Commissioners of Jersey City of the first part, and James F. Fielder, Andrew Clerk, Josiah H. Gautier, and Francis P. Gautier, doing busines under the name and firm of James F Fielder & Co., of the second part, Witnesseth;

That the said party of the first part do give and grant unto the said party of the second part, the exclusive right, for three years from the first day of April 1856, to cut any or all the ice which may be produced on the surface of the distributing reservoir of the Jersey City water works, situated in the City of Hudson, and State of New Jersey; and also the use of such vacant land belonging to the said water works, adjoining the reservoir on the south-west side, as may be necessary for the erection of buildings required for their operations, from the first day of April 1856, to the first day of November 1859, the right to cut the ice and to occupy the land, being according to the terms and subject to therestrictions and limitations hereafter set forth.

The party of the second part agrees that no impurities shall be allowed to reach the water in the reservoir in consequence of their operations, and that everything injurious to the taste or appearance of the water shall be removed outside of the reservoir embankment; and it shall be the duty of the party of the second part to inforce a strict compliance with the rules of the water commissioners heretofore laid down, for the protection of the reservoir and the purity of the water.

If, at any time, the contractors neglect or refuse to use proper and reasonable precautions in the prosecution of the business of cutting and storing the ice, or if they shall fail to enforce said rules, the water commissioners, or their superintendent and engineer shall have power to prohibit the continunce of the business, until such precautions are taken and rules enforced.

The operation of cutting the ice and the improvements erected shall be under the supervision of the superintendent and engineer of the water works.

The buildings erected and machinery used by the party of the second part, shall be of a substantial character, and such that if the business of cutting ice on the reservoir should be continued after the expiration of this contract, they may continue to be used for that purpose.

If in the erection of such buildings, it is found necessary to remove any part of the fence surrounding the reservoir, it shall be replaced, or so much of it as may be required to make the enclosure complete. All the earth excavated in erecting the buildings shall be levelled off, and the ground left in as good condition as before the work was commenced.

Any damage which may be done to the embankment or wall or grounds about the reservoir, in the operation of cutting and moving the ice, shall be repaired by the party of the second part, according to the directions of the superintendent and engineer of the water works.

At the expiration of this contract, it shall be optional with the water commissioners to take the improvements, consisting of buildings, machinery and stock in trade, appertaining to the ice business, at a price to be agreed upon between the parties to this contract, or at a valuation to be determined by three disinterested persons, which valuation shall not ex-

eeed the cost of the said improvements; or, the water commissioners may advertise for proposals for a further contract for three years, making the successful bidder subject to the payment to the said Fielder & Co., of the full value of the said improvements, to be previously determined by appraisers, one to be chosen by each of the parties to this contract, and in case of a disagreement, the said two appraisers to appoint a third; provided that in case no bid is received which shall yield the water commissioners a revenue of at least two cents per one hundred gallons for the water contained in the ice, then the water commissioners shall take the said improvements, a valuation being previously fixed by appraisers, but which shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars.

In case of accident to the water works, or an insufficient supply of water for the wants of the city, the water commissioners may prohibit the cutting of ice, until the accident is repaired, or a sufficient supply of water furnished; and if, in consequence of such interruption of business, the contractors are prevented from cutting as much as three thousand tons during the season, the water commissioners shall make an abatement of the rent paid by the said Fielder and Co, proportionate to the diminished quantity.

For the right to cut ice and erect buildings as above specified, the party of the second part agrees to pay to the party of the first part the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, provided the quantity of ice cut during the year does not exceed three thousand tons.

For all excess of the quantity cut over three thousand tons, the party of the second part agrees to pay at the rate of thirty three and one third cents per ton

Payments shall be made as follows, viz:

On the first day of June 1856, five hundred dollars; on the first day of December 1856, five hundred dollars; on the first day of June 1857, five hundred dollars; and one half the excess over three thousand tons cut during the previous winter, at the rate of thirty three and one third cents per ton; on the first day of December 1857, a similar payment; on the first day of June 1858, five hundred dollars, and one half the excess over three thousand tons cut during the previous winter, at the rate of thirty three and one third cents per ton; on the first day of December 1858, a similar payment; and on or before the first day of June 1859, the balance which, according to this contract appears to be due

The quantity of ice cut shall be determined by the superintendent and engineer of the water works, by measurement in the buildings, allowing fifty pounds for every cubic foot of ice stored, and estimating a ton weight at twenty two hundred and forty pounds. It is expressly understood that the buildings shall not be used for the storage of meat, fish, or vegetables, nor any thing but ice.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our hands and seals, this day of 1856. In presence of

MINORITY REPORT.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the ice contract between the Water Commissioners of Jersey City and James F. Fielder & Co.

Beg leave to report, That we find by a copy of the contract that it was and is to commence on the first day of April, 1856, and is to end on the first day of Nov., 1859, making three years and seven months and is without the cutting of the past winter which will produce according to the best information that your committee have been enabled to get, about ten thousand tons of good and pure ice, worth on the reservoir at least sixty cents per ton of 2000lbs, at which weight ice is always sold at instead of 2240 lbs., which this contract is made for, and this is after allowing a very large per centage for waste in cutting and housing the same, amounting in dollars, to six thousand dollars (6000), therefore, if sold at all it had not ought to have been sold at less than sixty cents per ton, on the reservoir, as it will bring to the contractors at the lowest wholesale price, two dollars and fifty cents per ton, which will amount to the very handsome sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, if sold at two dollars and fifty cents, per ton, but at least one half of the ice will bring a much higher price than two dollars and fifty cents, as all that is peddled about the streets will bring forty cents per one hundred pounds, making four dollars per ton, this you will perceive is allowing one half to waste and lost in collecting the money by bad debts With this view of the subject your committee are of the opinion, that it was bad policy in the Water Commissioners to contract for so long a time and at so low a rate as the ice ought to have brought at least sixty cents per ton, and if sold it ought to have been advertised and offered for sale, then the citizens of Jersey City, could have opposed the sale of the ice if they thought proper to have done so, and then there could have been no fault found with the Water Commissioners for selling the ice as they have done, and as the reservoir in the city of Hudson has heretofore been the pride and boast of the citizens of Jersey City, your committee very much regret that it has not been preserved solely for the purposes for which it was intended as a reservoir for pure and wholesome water, and not an ice pond for the manufacture of ice. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. ERWIN, Chairman
JOHN GRIFFITH,

March 4th, 1856.

The com. on streets, presented the following entitled ordinance and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Bay street three feet between Washington and Greene streets."

The com on alms, presented 13 sealed proposals received by them for furnishing coal, provisions, etc, to the alms department

On motion of Ald. Hoffman the proposals were opened, and referred to the committee on alms with authority to make contracts with the lowest bidder for furnishing each class of articles.

The com on finance, to whom was referred on the 6th November last, the communication of George A. Vroom, in relation to a lot bought by him at the tax sale of September 15th 1852, presented a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the declaration of sale of lot 286 Grand street, as described on Mann's map, made to George A. Vroom, on the 18th of October, 1853, purchased by him, at the corporation sale of September 15th, 1853, for taxes of 1852, be cancelled by the City Clerk, and that a warrant for five dollars and thirteen cents principal, and the interest thereon from the date of said sale, up to the fifth of March,

1856, at the rate of six per cent per annum be drawn upon the city treasurer, in favor of George A. Vroom and delivered to him to refund the purchase money paid by him and the interest thereon.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The committee on finance, presented a report accompanied by the following resolution in reference to the petition of James Gilkinson, referred to said committee on the 19th February last.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of James Gilkenson, for twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents, for services of Joseph H. Fairbanks as a policeman for the month of October, 1855, to be delivered to said James Gilkinson, on his surrendering to the City Clerk, a warrant which was delivered to said James Gilkinson, on the written order of said Fairbanks, which warrant was for same amount, and in payment of his services as policeman for October, 1855; provided, however that said Gilkinson, shall file in the City Clerk's office a bond with two sureties to be approved of by the finance committee, indemnifying the city against any claim which may be set up on behalf of said Fairbanks or any party on his behalf.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on finance reported adversely to payment of the claim, referred to them on the 31st July last, of Matthias Burbanks, amounting to $40.

The report was received and adopted.

The committee on finance reported that the claim of the *Daily Telegraph*, amounting to $126 25, referred to them on the 17th July last, was supposed to be lost, and therefore a new bill was presented some time afterwards and paid, for which reason the committee report adversely to the payment of this claim. Report received and adopted.

The committee on finance to whom was referred on the 17th July last, a claim of "assessment for regulation of Van Vorst street from Grand street to Gregory st.," against lot 9 on block 60, belonging to the city, presented a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby requested to cancel of record the sale made January 8th, 1856, of lot 9 on block 60, corner of Grand and Van Vorst street, for $197 63, to the City Treasurer for 10 years, for assessment for the regulation of Van Vorst street from Grand to Gregory street, and the Comptroller and Treasurer are hereby requested to credit said assessment to the amount of $197 63. The report was received, and resolution adopted.

The special committee, to whom was referred on the 26th June last, the petition of Mrs. Gautier and other ladies of Jersey City, for the establishment of a work house, returned said petition, asked to be and were discharged.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the committee having had the investigation of the case of Samuel R. Tyrrell in charge, be and is hereby authorized to employ such legal advice and counsel as they may deem necessary to conduct the case now pending, and to be argued at Trenton on Thursday next. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Wilson it was

Resolved, That Ald Thompson be appointed Chairman of the committee on public grounds and buildings.

On motion of Ald Thompson it was

Resolved, That Ald Wilson be appointed a member of the committee on public grounds and build dings.

On motion of Ald Greene it was

Resolved, That Ald Clarke be appointed a member of the committee on public grounds and buildings.

On motion of Ald. Insley, the following entitled ordinence presented on the 17th July last was taken up for consideration, viz.,

An ordinance prescribing the powers and duties, and regulating the compensation of the measurer of grain and weighmaster."

The ordinance was amended, and amended in its title so as to read, as follows, viz,

An ordinance prescribing the powers and duties and regulating the compensation of the Inspector, and sealer of weights and measures."

The ordinance was then laid upon the table again and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the members of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald Erwin it was.

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at the Common Council Chamber, on Tuesday the 11th instant at 7½ o'clock P.M.

On motion of Ald Wilson the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. GASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, March 11th, 1856, at 7 1 2 o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

A petition of H. M Traphagen and others, to have the ordinance relative to the width of the sidewalks on Pavonia and Jersey avenues, altered so as to make them twenty instead of eighteen feet in width, was presented, received, and referred to the committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Of Jacob Erwin, $81 35; Ref. to com. on alms.

Of C. J. Farley, Chief of Police, $200. Ref. to com on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of Sunday Policemen, $22 50. Ref. to com. on police and licenses.

Of W. Hanks, $10 20. Ref. to com on public grounds and buildings.

Of Patrick Lee, $2 50. Ref. to committee on finance, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Isaac W. Scudder, $50: A. O. Zabriskie, $90; John P. Masseker, $5; W. Eaton, $20 50; J. B. & D. E. Culver, $51 90; Isaac Wakefield, $4 68, and $12 12; W. H. Wood, $12, and $25; H. A Miller & Co. $12 63 and $94 84.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing an

election, a resignation, and expulsions in that department, viz :

Election of William Meeker by Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

Resignation of Thomas Morrow from Hose Co. No. 1.

Expulsions of Henry Stiff, William Jelly, William M. Bassett, Jacob E Brown, James H. Corwin, and Jonathan S. Masters. Communications received, election approved, names of the expelled members ordered to be stricken from the roll of the fire department, and the proper entries of the resignation to be made.

The following entitled ordinances were presented by the committee on streets, and laid upon the table, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, paving, curbing, and guttering, laying bridge stones at all the intersections, and flagging the side walks four feet wide in South First street one hundred and forty feet west of Erie to Coles street including all intersections.

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, paving, and laying bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections in Warren street between Montgomery and Morgan streets, including all intersections, and for setting and resetting curb and gutter, and for flagging the side walks where necessary."

The committee on alms to whom were referred on the 4th instant thirteen proposals for furnishing goods to the alms department, reported that they have accepted the following and rejected the remaining ones, viz. :—George S Gardner, to furnish groceries ; Henry Taylor to furnish meat ; George Wescott, to furnish coal

The report was received and ordered filed.

The committee on watch, to whom was referred on the 5th ultimo, the charge made by the Captain of the watch against City Watchman George Danbury, of neglect of duty, on the night of January 18, 1856, in leaving his beat and going to his own house and there remaining for an unreasonable time without the knowledge of the Captain of the watch, presented a report signed by all the committee setting forth that the committee find the charge sustained, and recommending George Danbury's dismissal from the watch department.

Ald Insley moved "That the report be received and its recommendation adopted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

The committee on watch, to whom were referred on the 19th February last the charges made by the captains of the watch and police against city watchman John L. Brown, of neglect of duty by sleeping in the ferry house on the night of February 9th, 1856, and by staying at the ferry house on the morning of the 10th ultimo, three hours without patrolling his beat, and of neglecting his duty in various other ways, presented a report signed by all the members of the committee, setting forth that they find the charges sustained, and recommending his dismissal from the watch department.

Ald. Hill moved "That the report be received and the recommendation adopted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

The com. on watch, to whom was referred on the 19th ultimo, the charge made by the captain of the watch against city watchman Henry Paynton, of being intoxicated while on duty on the night of the 5th ultimo, presented a report signed by Ald. Keeney and Hill, setting forth that they find the charge sustained, and recommending Henry Paynton's dismissal from the watch department.

Ald. Hill moved "That the report be received and recommendation adopted

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nay—Ald. Hoffman.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

The com. on sewers presented a certificate from the city treasurer that the applicants for the construction of a sewer in South Third street, have made the required deposit of seventy-five dollars. Certificate received and ordered filed.

The committee on sewers presented the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, Application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council by William Keeney and others, for the construction of main sewer through South Third street from the Hudson River near Provost st. and running thence through South Third street, to connect with the proposed canal, with all the necessary tributaries to said main sewer, therefore

Resolved, That Moses B. Bramhall, Dudley S. Gregory and Henry M. Traphagen, be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of said main sewer and tributaries in conformity with the charter, and an ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City.

Approved, June 28th, 1854.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport, and Greene.

The committee on laws and ordinances to whom were referred on the 26th ultimo, and on the 4th instant, communications from the corporation attorney in reference to the certioraris of the New Jersey railroad company to remove into the Supreme Court the assessment on their property for the regulation of North side of Railroad avenue, from Jersey to Brunswick streets for "regulation of Prospect street from Newark avenue to Bay street," and for "laying sidewalk on the East side of Hudson street," presented reports setting forth that by advice of the

corporation attorney they have directed a discontinuance of the suits referred to Reports received.

The committee on laws and ordinances to whom was referred on the 19th ultimo, the communication of the corporation attorney in reference to the suit of Stephen Quaife, determined in the Hudson Circuit Court against the city, reported that they have directed that officer to carry up the case to the Supreme Court. Report received.

Ald Hill presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be, and are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a lot of ground in the Fourth ward, for the purpose of erecting thereon an engine house for the fire department, said lot not to exceed $1000 in cost, and to be paid for in the bonds of the city, on time, not less than ten years at 7 per cent. per annum.

Ald. Edge moved to amend the resolution so as to provide for the purchase also of a lot of ground in the Second ward, for the same purpose, price, and on the same conditions as to payment

The amendment was accepted by Ald. Hill, and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

Ald Griffith offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to issue Declarations of Sale under the City Seal, to purchasers at the assessment sale of March 8th, 1856. The resolution was adopted

Ald. Griffith offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority heretofore given to the committee on finance to fund a portion of the floating debt of Jersey City, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to issue, under the corporate seal of the city, under the direction of the committee on finance, twenty bonds of one thousand dollars each, payable in ten years, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the date of said bonds payable half yearly, to Stephen Whitney, for a loan to be made by him to the city for the purpose aforesaid.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

Ald. Wilson offered the following resolution

Resolved, that the committee on public grounds and buildings be and is hereby instructed to provide suitable rooms in which to hold the ensuing charter election. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Erwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby instructed to have the trees in the public grounds and streets of the city trimmed, and put in order so as to prevent if possible their being infested with worms during the comming season, provided that the expense does not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be and are hereby directed to purchase two skeleton hose carriages, not to exceed $150 each, for the use of the fire department. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Thompson presented a receipt signed by Wm. L. Dayton for forty dollars, for amount of his claim against the Common Council for legal services, paid by Alderman Thompson, and on motion of Ald. Hill a warrant for the said amount was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Alderman Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance presented on the 4th Dec. last for filling etc., Wayne street from Jersey to Putnam street, was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended in the 1st section, and amended in its title so as to read as follows, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks, and bridge stones at the intersections from Jersey street to two hundred feet west of Putnam street in Wayne street."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance presented on the 19th ultimo, was taken up for consideration, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading, paving and laying side walks, curbing, guttering, and cross walks at all the intersections where the same has not already been done in Prospect street from Newark avenue to Pavonia avenue."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald Davenport and Greene

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 16th October last, was taken up for consideration, viz. :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, and flagging the side walk on the south side of Railroad avenue between Prospect street and Warren street, including both intersections."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President, Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Greene.

On motion of Ald. Edge the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, March 18th, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P. M

Present—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Ald. Thompson was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, and Erwin.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

A communication from John Shanon, stating that some three weeks ago, he presented a claim amounting to $4 50 for work done at the Fourth Ward Public school House, which has not yet been audited, was presented, and referred to the committee on schools.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Of William Eaton, $20 50. Ref. to com. on lamps.

Of Bernard Hughes, $13 50 Ref. to com. on fire and water.

Of Bernard Hughes, $6 20, and $18 50. Ref. to com. on streets.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's offiee on the 18th instaut, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Jersey City, March 18th, 1856. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council:—

I have received, and herewith return without my approval, a resolution authorizing the payment to Messrs. Quaife and Otley of a claim for forty four dollars, for extra services in surveying South 7th street, and making another assessment schedule.

Messrs. Quaife and Otley were appointed City Surveyors by your honorable body on the 29th of June of the present year.

The 23d section of the charter declares that the City Surveyors shall respectively perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Common Council shall by *ordinance* direct and award, and the 71st section says, that the compensation of any officer which has once been fixed by *ordinance* shall not be increased during the continuance of his term of office.

According to the direction of the charter, the compensation of the city Surveyors was fixed by the general salary ordinance of the current year, and the compensation so fixed, was based, as you are all aware, upon a proposition coming directly from the Surveyers themselves, notwithstanding this, the Surveyors rendered a bill of seventy-four dollars for surveys, &c., for regulating South Seventh street, more than double the amount they were entitled to under the ordinance, and the bill certified to be correct by a committee of your honorable body, and the amount, I am informed, included in the original assessment schedule.

On learning the fact that the bill of Messrs. Quaife and Otley did not conform to salary ordinance, I immediately called on them and remonstrated against the over-charge, and informed them that it would vitiate the whole assessment, and that I would not approve its conformation unless the bill was made to conform to the ordinance fixing their legal compensation. They very kindly consented to correct the bill. Another bill was accordingly made out for thirty dollars, and presented to your honorable body, referred to the commissioners, and the amount included in the assessment, and which has since been paid by an improvement certificate.

Now it appears to me that the claim of forty-four dollars under consideratien, is the over-charge, or *illegal part* of the original bill, as the two bills make make precisely the amount of the bill first rendered. Then, gentlemen, if this be the fact, its payment would be nothing more nor less than perpetrating a direct fraud upon the city Treasury.

There is another objection which is fatal to the resolution before me, the claim has not been sworn to, and therefore cannot be paid without a direct violation of a law of your own making. This bill, however, has been reported correct, and certified by all the members of the committee, having it in charge, I am at a loss to know how the committee could certify to the correctness of the claim without the required affidavit, I will, however, leave that for them to explain. This claim purports to be for extra services in making out another assessment schedule. If the first schedule had been made correct, there would have been no necessity for another—and if the last was made to correct an error in the former—then and in such case, the surveyors in question are neither entitled by law or usage, to any credit or pay, for such correction.

I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration. D S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President. and Ald. Clarke, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Keeney, Wilson.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Hoffman, and Insley.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Erwin, and Thompson.

Requisitions were presented from the Board of Education: for payment of the following claims, and warrants for tne amount were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the parties respectively named.

G. W. Russ, $133; and Woolsey & Woolsey, $4 12.

A communication from the Collector of Arrears of Taxes, asking for instructions as to whether he shall make his return to the Common Council or to the Justice who issued the tax warrant, was presented, and referred to the Corporation Attorney, with instructions to examine into the matter, and direct the Collector of Arrears of Taxes as to the proper mode of making his return of delinquents.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing that he has suspended from duty Hudson Hose Company No. 1, and Passaic Hose Co. No. 4, for one week, for taking their carriages out of the limits of the city, on the 16th inst., in violation of the ordinance regulating the fire department; and that he has suspended from duty Arresseoh Engine Co. No. 2, for violating the ordinance regulating the fire department, by

going with their engine to a fire in Bergen. Communications received and ordered filed.

A communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, recommending the expulsion of Frederick T. Farrier from Hudson Hose Co. No 1, for using insulting and abusive language, on several occasions, to the Chief Engineer while in the discharge of his duty. The communication was received, and on motion of Ald Edge it was

Resolved, That the name of Frederick T. Farrier be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

A communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, announcing the eelction of the following named persons by Engine Co. No 4, viz :—Morris Lawler, Gus. Hauft, John G. Hauft, Balser Sheets, Jacob Thee, and Jacob Ringle. The communication was received, the elections were approved and the usual certificates of membership were ordered to be issued

The city clerk laid before the board, a notice served upon him on the 14th instant, by William H. Jelliff, Esq., attorney for the administratrix and administrators of estate of William Flitcroft, deceased, forbidding the payment to Daniel Smith of any monies which he claims as surviving partner of said Flitcroft.

Communication received and referred to the corporation attorney, with instructions to report to this board upon the subject, and the city clerk was directed to withhold for the present the warrant which has been drawn in favor of Flitcroft & Smith.

Ald Hill, from the committee on streets, presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz :

"An ordinance establishing the width of the side walks in Jersey avenue."

The committee on assessments, to whom was referred on the 4th instant, the petition of Benjamin O. Edge, in relation to the South Third street assessment, reported that the matter has been settled to the satisfaction of both contractor and remonstrant. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on asssessments, to whom was referred on the 4th instant, the petition of Patrick Riley to have remitted his assessment for curb stone alledged to have been placed on the south west corner of Grove and South 3d streets, which the petitioner states were not placed there, reported that they have met the parties interested, and are satisfied from the testimony of the superintendent, contractor, and surveyor, that the curb stone was placed there. Report received and ordered filed.

Ald. Davenport from the committee on assessments presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, and that the said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

Ald Davenport from the committee on assessments, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on finance in favor of John M. Lenoard, for one hundred thirty eight 75-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Third street between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

Ald Davenport from the committee on assessments presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of, and on account of Patrick McPharlin, for nine hundred thirty-two 46-100 dollars, as follows :

One in favor of C. G. Sisson, for eighty-eight 75-100 dollars	$88 75
One in favor of E. H. Maine, for two hundred fifty-two 39 100 dollars	252 39
One in favor of R. C. Bacot, for one hundred sixty dollars	160 00
One in favor of J. R. Halladay, two hundred seven 46-100 dollars	207 46
One in favor of P. McPharlin, for two hundred twenty-three 86-100	223 86
	$932 46

being the balance of his bill for regulating South Third street from Jersey avenue to Prospect street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

Ald. Davenport, from the committee on assessments, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of D. E. Culver, for thirty four 60-100 dollars, being the amount of his bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulating of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Prospect street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President. and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

Ald. Griffith from the committee on finance, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant for twenty-one dollars and sixty-two cents, be drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of William Van Name, to retund to him the taxes for 1855, which have been twice paid (as appears from two receipts in possession of the committee on finance,) on part of the lots 11 and 12 South Fifth street on block 200; and the said committee are hereby requested to deliver to the City Clerk, one of said receipts to be cancelled before delivery of the said warrant hereby ordered to be issued. The resolution was adopted.

The com on finance, to whom was referred on the 6th November last, a communication from William Pile, in relation to a lot bought by him for taxes, in 1853, presented a report, and the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The sale made by this corporation to William Pile, on the 15th September 1853, of a lot of land for taxes of 1852, described in the advertisement of sale, erroneously as lot 45, Grand street, on block 4, Hill's map, instead of Gilchrist street, is illegal in consequence of said error in the advertisement; and said William Pile has paid in addition to the purchase money at the sale, the taxes on said lot for 1853 and 1854, Therefore.

Resolved, That the declaration of sale of lot 45, Grand street, surrendered by William Pile be cancelled, and that a warrant for two dollars and twenty five cents be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Pile, to refund the money with interest paid by him as above stated. The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

Ald Griffith, from the committee on finance, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby requested to publish in the Daily Telegraph for sixty days a list of unredeemed property sold by this corporation on the 1st June, 1854, for assessments, and on the the 9th June 1854 for taxes of 1853. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on finance presented the comptroller's reports for December, 1855. and January, 1856, and the same were received and ordered filed.

The com. fire and water, returned a claim of H Gilbert, amounting to $25, referred to them on 4th instant, and the claim was referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

On motion of Ald Hill, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and Robert C. Bacot, was vivavoce appointed a city surveyor

Ald Hill presented the official bond of Robert C. Bacot, as a city surveyor, executed by Charles Fink, as surety. The bond was referred to the corporation attorney for examination.

Ald Hoffman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the finance committee be instructed to have two thousand copies of the necessary affidavits to bills printed for the use of persons dealing with the City.

On motion of Ald Hill the resolution was amended by striking out the words "finance committee," and inserting in their place the words "committee on alms." The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Ald Hoffman offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the stars used by the Mayor, Aldermen and City Clerk are city property, Therefore—

Resolved, That the names be taken off, and that the said stars be left at the City Clerk's office by members whose time expires, for the use of newly elected members.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution be amended so as so read, that Alderman Hoffman have permission to return his emblem to the City Clerk's office."

On motion of Ald Wilson the whole subject was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance, presented August 14, 1855, was taken up for consideration, viz. :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, paving, flagging the side walks four feet wide where the same has not already been done, and bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections in South sixth street, between Erie street and Jersey avenue."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance presented on the 11th instant, was taken up for consideration, viz. :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, paving, curbing, guttering, laying bridge stones at all the intersections, and flagging the side walks four feet wide in South First street one hundred and forty feet west of Erie to Coles street including all intersections.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 11th inst, was taken up for consideration, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, paving, and laying bridge stone cross walks at all the intersections in Warren street between Montgomery and Morgan streets, including all intersections, and for setting and resetting curb and gutter, and for flagging the side walks where necessary."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Hill, the ordinance presented June 19, 1855, providing for the filling in etc, of Prospect street, from Newark avenue to the centre of Mill Creek, etc, was taken up for consideration, viz :

The ordinance was amended by striking out "Newark avenue" and inserting "Pavonia avenue," and the title of the ordinance was amended so as to read as follows, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade Prospect street, where the said st, has not already been filled from Pavonia avenue to the centre of Mill creek, and curb and gutter, side walks flagged four feet wide and bridge stone cross walks laid at all the intersections."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Erwin and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Hill, the ordinance presented on the 5th June, 1855, for the better governing the fire department was taken up for consideration:

The ordinance was read, and then laid upon the table again, and ordered to be printed on slips, under the direction of the City Clerk, for the use of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald Insley the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz:

An ordinance prescribing the powers and duties, and regulating the compensation of the inspector and sealer of weights and measures.

(Ald Thompson appeared and took his seat during the consideration of this ordinance.)

The ordinance was amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and paid.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Edge, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Nays—Ald Davenport and Griffith.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Erwin.

Ald Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the benefit of the fire department fund association.

After some discussion, on motion of Ald. Wilson the resolution was laid on the table for the present, to enable the chairman of the committee on fire and water to ascertain and report whether the appropriation has not already been made for the past year.

The following claims and accounts were presented in the early part of the meeting, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Marshall & Morris, $34; Ingham & Hall, $14 53; E. D. Reiley, $4 08; B. Hughes, $537; E. D. Reily, $99 36; and G. W. Cassedy, $2.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Sunday Policemen, $22 50; Watch Department, for bell ringing, $12; Peter Farmer, $60 39; S. Billington, $13; Jacob Erwin, $81 25: J. B. Conkling, $25 58; C. N. Betts, $15 79; Drayton & Durant, $200 72; Narine and Co. $4; W. C. Morris, $210; Hutton & Lacy, $177 04; J. F. Richardson, $16 50; John Shannon, $4 50; Hugh McFadden, $18 56; and George Dummer & Co., $78 25.

On motion of Ald. Wilson, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Of the City Treasurer from March 16, 1855, to March 15, 1856

RECEIPTS.

Taxes of 1851,	$13 66
" " 1852,	224 54
" " 1853,	82 49
" " 1854,	10,532 58
" " 1855,	62,071 88
Assesements,	63,265 12
Interest,	3,170 22
Advertising sales,	186 26
Bonds payable,	62,818 58
Licenses,	1,022 00
Fines,	1,485 00
School funds quota,	1,885 71
Redemption of lots,	2,492 72
Vault fees,	165 00
Collector's fees,	378 46
Total Receipts,	$209,794 22
Balance in Treasury March 16, 1855,	4,397 75
	$214,191 97

EXPENDITURES.

Watch,	$10,186 97
Fire Department,	2,026 07
Pub. Grounds and Buildings,	1,901 10
Salaries,	10,587 62
Fire Engines,	1,328 35
Repairs to Pumps,	15 00
Fire Engine Houses	1,999 10
Repairing Streets,	1,379 16
School Houses,	9 108 43
Schools,	12,516 67
Lighting Streets,	3,193 43
Cleaning Streets,	1,787 00
City Prison,	654 73
Alms House and Support of Poor,	9,720 34
Redemption of Lots,	2,572 79
Assessments,	57,417 86
Printing,	1,392 03
Fourth of July celebration,	377 50
Taxes 1853 refunded,	19 98
Bonds payable,	55,347 29
Contingent,	1,418 89
Interest,	6,600 78
For Deficiency in Revenue of Water Department,	16,000 00
Total Expenditures,	207,551 09
Balance in Treasury, March 15th, 1856,	6,640 88

A. T SMITH, City Treasurer.

JOHN GRIFFITH,
J. R. THOMSON,
HENRY A. GREENE. } Committee on Finance.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Annual Auditing Meeting, at the City Clerk's office, Thursday, March 27th, 1856.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk at fifteen minutes past eight o'clock P. M.

Present—Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Erwin, Griffith, Hoffman and Insley.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Griffith the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, April 1st, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson, and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting, and of the annual auditory meeting, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc, were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of S. A. French and others for the appointment of John S. Carroll as a city watchman. Ref. to com. on watch.

Petition of Frederick T. Farrier to have the charges made against him by the Chief Engineer of the fire department investigated. Ref. to a special committee consisting of Ald. Clarke, Thompson, Keeney, and Cobb.

Communication from A. C. Webb, and others in relation to the condition of the vacant lots in Mercer street, next to the corner of Greene st. Ref. to com. on streets with power.

Petition of Orum Warren to be appointed a city watchman. Ref. to com. on watch.

Communication from D. & A. McI. Henderson, respecting their claim against the Fourth Ward public school house, under contract with William Connelly. Ref. to the special committee appointed November 20th 1855, on Fourth Ward public school house claims.

Communication from the secretary of the Morris Canal and Banking Company, asking that certain taxes paid by them may be refunded. Ref. to com. on finance.

Communication from Peter Lynch and Matthew Kelly, respecting a part of lots 69, 71 and 73 Bergen street, as laid down on Mangin's map, owned by them, which with other lots were sold October 27, 1842 for taxes, and were afterwards redeemed, as appears from the city treasurer's books, but the sale of which still remains uncancelled of record, asking that the city clerk be authorized to cancel said sale. Ref. to com. on finance.

Petition of Jacob Halin for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables. Ref. to com. on police and licenses.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Of Drayton & Durant, $199 44; C. N. Betts, $17 22; G. W. Whitley, $7 07; J. A. French. $10 49; Anthony & Green, $46 46: James M. Newkirk, $9 75; and $9 75; and Edward Hope, Junior, $10 50; Ref. to com. on alms.

Of H. A. Miller & Co, $114 82; $118 34; and $13 12; R. & J. McLaughlin, $3 31; and $11 50; William Eaton, $20 50; and Hugh Billingsley, 26. Ref. to com. on lamps.

Of R. B. Kashow, $6 94; $13 52; $37 93; $4; and W. C. Morris, $450. Ref. to com. on finance.

Of William Moore, $4 38. Ref. to com. on streets.

Of C. H. Winfield, $7 20; Ref. to com. on laws and ordinances.

Of S. W. Treadwell, $5 75. Ref. to com. on public grounds and buildings.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8 75. Ref, to com. on watch.

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of city watchmen, $672 33; E. Hope, $6 56; Jeremiah Clarke as special policeman, $1 50: Sunday policemen, $21; and $6; N. Ellis, $36 36: R. B. Earle & Co, $48 38; W. J. Stevens & Co., $7; E.D. Reily, $10 37; James McLaughlin, $60 64; F Porrett $27 70; Van Buskirk's Express Company, $45 75; R. B. Kashow, $7 20; R B Kashow, $4 69; Pine & Hartshorne, $18; W. Sanderson, $25; W R. & J. B. Drayton, $52 12; S A French, $100; N Ellis, $100; and J F Richardson, $31.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetiings of the board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Charles J Farley, chief of police, $200; William Eaton, $20 50; R & J McLaughlin, $12 13; H. Gilbert, $25; Bernard Hughes, $6 20 and $18 50; J F. Richardson, $33 25 and $31.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 1st instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, April 1, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I herewith return a resolution, without my approval, authorizing a warrant to be drawn on the city treasury, in favor of J. B. & D. E. Culver for fifty one 90-100 dollars, for extra services in making surveys, assessment map, etc., for South Third street.

An improvement certificate has already been issued to the Messrs. Culvers for thirty four 60 100 dollars, in accordance with the salary ordinance for the work performed by them, on said street, which ordinance was passed by your honorable body on the 7th day of August last.

The bill or claim under consideration bears date February 25th, 1856, and therefore comes clearly within the operation of the salary ordinance, which admits of no extra compensation.

The ordinance directing the improvement of South Third street, approved by the Mayor on the 4th of July, 1855, and did not become a law until the latter part of the same month, only a few days anterior to the adoption of the salary ordinance of the current year, and which improvement ordinance declares that all the costs and charges of said improvement shall be assessed upon the property benefitted thereby, according to the provisions of the city char-

ter. It will thus be seen, that this claim can *not* be *paid* by *warrant* from the *city treasury*, without a direct *violation*, not only of the *charter*, but of *both* the *ordinances* above named.

At your last regular meeting I returned with my objections a resolution of similar purport, authorizing the payment of a claim of Messrs Quaife & Otley, for forty four dollars, for extra services for surveys, etc., of South 7th street, and my objections were sustained by your honorable body. The reasons which induced me to return that resolution will apply with equal force to this, and to which I would respectfully direct your attention.

I therefore return the resolution for renewed action.

D. S MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Wilson moved "that the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Griffith, Hill, Keeney and Thompson.

Nays—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Hoffman, Insley and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Greene

A communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a copy received from Wakeman and Fleming, of the declaration filed in the case of Marinus against the city. Ref to corporation attorney.

A communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor enclosing a return by the Board of Water Commissioners of delinquents for non-payment of assessment for the Essex street sewer.

The communication and return were received, and on motion of Ald Griffith it was

Resolved, That the return by the Board of Water Commissioners of delinquents for non payment of their assessment for building the Essex street sewer, be referred to the committee on finance with instructions to advertise and sell the property described in said return, in the manner provided by the Charter for the sale of lands for non-payment of the annual city taxes, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorised and requested to sign and publish with said list when prepared, the usual notice of sale.

A report was presented from the corporation attorney, in reference to the notice referred to him on the 18th ultimo, forbidding the city clerk to deliver to Daniel Smith, a warrant on the City Treasurer, in favor of Flitcroft & Smith, the report setting forth that if the Common Council are satisfied that Daniel Smith is the surviving partner of William Flitcroft, said Smith is entitled to the warrant, &c.

Report received, and the City Clerk instructed to deliver the warrant to Daniel Smith on his applying for it.

The Bond of Robert C. Bacot, as a City Surveyor, referred on the 18th ultimo to the corporation attorney for examination was returned by that officer with a certificate endorsed thereon of its correctness. The bond was approved and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, announcing the election of Miles McMartin, as a member of Hose Company No.4, and the expulsions of James F. Fielder and Bernard Hughes by Engine Co, No. 3, and Samuel R. Birch, Lewis E. Wood and Theodore Frank by Hose Co. No. 4. Communications received, the election approved, the usual certificate ordered to be issued, and the names of the expelled members ordered to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department. Subsequently on motion of Ald. Erwin it was

Resolved, That the communications announcing the expulsions be referred to a special committee of three for investigation, and Ald Erwin, Hoffman and Wilson were appointed such committee.

The City Clerk laid before the board two certioraris served upon him on the 27th ultimo at the suit of Marshall O. Roberts and others against the city, to remove into the supreme court the assessment upon their property for taxes of 1855, and at the suit of Samuel P, Townsend to remove into said Court the assessment upon his property for the regulation of Grand street from Jersey street to the Mill Creek, accompanied by rules ordering a stay of proceedings, &c. Ref. to corporation attorney with instructions to defend the suits.

A report by the Collector of Arrears of Taxes, of his proceedings in the collection of the annual taxes for 1855, and the Justices tax warrant for the collection of said taxes with his return thereon, were presented by the City Clerk, and received. Ald Griffith offered the following resolution in relation to said return

Resolved, That the committee on finance are hereby instructed to advertise and sell according to law all real estate upon which the taxes of 1855 remain unpaid; and to make all necessary rules for the government of such sale; and the Mayor and City Clerk are requested to prefix to the advertisement of sale, and sign on behalf of this corporation, the usual notice of sale. The resolution was adopted.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of "application to have South Fourth street between Coles street and Newark Avenue, regulated graded, etc. The report was received and ordered filed.

Ald. Hill, from the committee on streets, presented the following entitled ordinances and the same were laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling, curbing, guttering, and flagging the side walks and laying cross walks at all the intersections in South Fourth street from Coles street to Newark avenue."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering, and laying cross walks at all the intersections, and side walks flagged in Monmouth street between South Second street and South Eighth street, including both intersections."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks and cross walks at all the intersections in South Seventh street between Monmouth street and Brunswick street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, paving, and laying cross walks at all the intersections in Bay street, between Prospect street and Grove street including all intersections."

Ald Thompson presented receipts from the Merchants Insurance company, of the city of New York, for amount of renewal of policies of insurance on the Hook and Ladder house in Grand street, and on Public School house No 2, and warrants for the amounts of said receipts $26, and $19 50, were ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of said Insurance Co.

On motion of Ald Thompson, it was

Resolved, That the committee on streets be instructed to have the well on the north side of York street, between Greene and Hudson streets filled up, the same being very much out of repair.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance presented on the 18th ultimo, was taken up for consideration, viz. :

"An ordinance establishing the width of the side walks in Jersey avenue and Pavonia avenue.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Griffith, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald Greene.

Ald Erwin sent up to the City Clerk's table, and asked to have read an editorial article published in the *Hudson County Courier* on the 27th ultimo, entitled "Retnrning Consciousness,' reflecting upon members of the Common Council.

The article was read, and condemned, Ald Thompson moved "That it be published in the minutes." The motion was lost.

Ald. Griffith offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, Some time in the year 1847 an injunction was obtained against the Mayor and Common Council restraining them from proceeding upon any taxes or assessments laid by them on the property of the Paterson & Hudson R. R. R. Co.

And Whereas, It was agreed between Peter D. Vroom, counsel for the Mayor and Common Council and A. S. Pennington, solicitor for said Co., "that not withstanding this suit, the defendants shall be at liberty, from year to year pending said suit, to make assessments upon the complainants, but not proceed any further."

And Whereas, Pending said suit, and before its determination, the Mayor and Common Council did sell defendants property fer assessments on the 1st day of July 1853.

Therefore Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue to the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad Co., the usual certificate to enable them to redeem their lots sold on the 1st day of July, 1853, for assessments thereon for paving, etc., etc., Washington, Greene and Wayne street, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to countersign such certificate, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to receive the money due on said sale in redemption of said lots. The preamble and resolution were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Erwin, the ordinance presented and laid upon the table October 2d 1855, entitled "an ordinance to protect the health of the city of Jersey City," was taken from the table, and leave granted to him to withdraw said ordinance, and the ordinunce was thereupon withdrawn by Ald. Erwin.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Jersey City, the Board of City Canvassers met at the Common Council Chamber in the Lyceum, on Friday, the 11th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, at five o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Charter Election held on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Aldermen Clarke, Erwin, Wilson, Insley, and Cobb; and George W Cassedy, City Clerk.

The following named Judges of Election from the several Wards of the city, appeared and took their seats as members of the Board, viz: William H. Tufts, from the First Ward; Benjamin Brady from the Second Ward; Stephen Quaife from the Third Ward: George W. Dempsey from the Fourth Ward.

Ald. Hoffman was absent from the meeting.

On motion of Ald. Clarke, Ald. Insley was appointed chairman of the Board.

The Chairman administered to each of the other members of the Board, and to the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the City Charter, and Ald Wilson administered to the chairman of the Board the oath required of him by the City Charter.

Thereupon the Judges of Election produced the original statements which had been delivered to them respectively, and laid the same before the Board.

The Board then proceeded to canvass the votes given for the city and ward officers, mentioned in the statements of the election in the several wards of the city.

The following resolutions were presented and severally adopted.

By Ald. Erwin—Resolved That the votes cast for Benjamin F. Woolsey for Water Commissioner, be given to and counted with those cast for Benjamin Franklin Woolsey for that office, as they are one and the same person.

By Ald. Wilson—Resolved, That the votes cast for Abraham S. Jewell for School Superintendent, be given to Abram S. Jewell, as the same were evidently intended for him; and that the votes cast for Lewis B. Colby for School Superintendent, be given to Lewis Colby, as they were evidently intended for him

By Alderman Clarke—Resolved, That the votes cast for David W. Stone, and for D. Warren Stone, for Assessor, be given to and counted with those cast for David Warren Stone, for that office, as they were evidently intended for him.

By Alderman Cobb—Resolved, That the votes cast in the Fourth Ward for James Gopsell for Assessor, be given to and counted with those cast throughout the city, for James Gopsill for that office, as said votes were evidently intended for him.

By Alderman Cobb—Resolved, That the votes cast for James Wallace for constable, in the First Ward, be declared null and void, for the reason that he is a resident of the Third Ward and that George W. Angle and William Reene be declared elected constables for the First Ward.

By Mr. Quaife—Resolved, That the votes cast for Thomas McWilliams for Constable, in the Third Ward be declared null and void, for the reason that he is a resident of the First Ward, and that Bernhard McAnnally and Levi W. Towle be declared elected constables for the Third Ward.

The Board then proceeded to make a statement and final declaration of the names of the persons who received the highest number of votes for each of the offices mentioned in the statements laid before the Board.

Alderman Wilson offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of this Board of City Canvassers be authorized and directed to make out, sign, and publish in the corporation paper, a statement and final declaration of the result of the Charter election held in Jersey City on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, as made by this Board of City Canvassers. The resolution was adopted.

Alderman Erwin offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of this Board of Canvassers be directed to make out and present to the Common Council for payment the claim of this Board for their services as City Canvassers. The resolution was adepted.

The minutes of the Board were then read, and on motion of Alderman Erwin they were approved.

On motion of Alderman Wilson, the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY E. INSLEY,
Chairman of the Bourd of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the result of an election held in Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, to elect City and Ward Officers made by the Board of City Canvassers for said city.

Whole number of vots cast in the First Ward, 358
Whole number of votes cast in the Second ward, 352
Whole number of votes cast in the Third ward, 601
Whole number of votes cast in the Fourth ward, 520

Whole number of votes cast in the city, 1831
Number of ballots rejected in the first ward, one
Number of ballots rejected in the second ward, eight
Number of ballots rejected in the third ward, four
Number of ballots rejected in the fourth ward, one
Whole number of ballots rejected in the city, 14

FOR CITY OFFICERS.

FOR MAYOR.

David S. Manners, received in the first ward, one hundred and ninety six, [196] votes

David S. Manners, received in the second ward, one hundred and ninety-one [191] votes

David S. Manners, received in the third ward, three hundred and four [304] votes

David S. Manners, received in the fourth ward, three hundred and twelve [312] votes

Total, one thousand and three [1003] votes

Charles Fink, received in the first ward, one hundred and fifty three votes]153] votes

Charles Fink, received in the second ward, one hundred and fifty [150] votes

Charles Fink, received in the third ward, Two hundred and seventy-nine, [279] votes.

Charles Fink, received in the fourth ward, one hundred and ninety-eight votes, [198] votes.

Total, seven hundred and eighty [780] votes.
D. S. Manners, received in the third ward four, [4] votes.
David Manners, received in the third ward one, (1) vote
William I Still received in the third ward two]2] votes.
Total scattering votes seven, (7)

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER.

Benjamin F. Woolsey, received in the first ward, forty eight, (48) votes
Benjamin F. Woolsey, received in the second ward one hundred and fifty-seven (157) votes.
Benjamin F. Woolsey, received in the third ward, two hundred and thirty-six (236) votes
Benjamin F. Woolsey, received in the fourth ward one hundred and fourteen (114) votes.
Total, five hundred and fifty five (555) votes.
Moses B. Bramhall received in the first ward two hundred and fifty-six (256) votes
Moses B. Bramhall received in the second ward one hundred and eighty-two (182) votes.
Moses B Bramhall, received in the third ward three hundred and fifty-four [354] votes.
Moses B. Bramhall, received in the fourth ward, four hundred and three [403] votes
Total eleven hundred and ninety-five [1195] votes.
Benjamin Franklin Woolsey, received in the First Ward, forty-seven [47] votes.
John Griffith, received in the First Ward one [1] vote.
William Reene, received in the First Ward one [1] vote.
John McGuigan, received in the Second ward one [1] vote.
M. B. Bramhall, received in the third ward, one [1] vote.
B. F. Woolsey, received in the third ward, three (3) votes
Francis Woolsey, received in the third ward, one (1) vote.
Total scattering votes, fifty-five [55]

FOR RECORDER.

George Ford, received in the first ward, sixty-five (65) votes
George Ford, received in the second ward, forty-seven (47) votes
George Ford, received in the third ward, one hundred and sixty [160] votes
George Ford, received in the fourth ward, one hundred and ten [110] votes
Total, three hundred eighty-two]382] votes.
George E. Cutter, received in the first ward, one hundred and thirty-seven [137] votes
George E. Cutter, received in the second ward, one hundred and twenty four [124] votes
George E. Cutter, received in the third ward, one hundred and thirteen [113] votes
George E. Cutter, received in the fourth ward, one hundred and thirty-seven [137] votes
Total five hundred and eleven 511 votes
David Bedford received in the first ward one hundred and thirty-eight 138 votes
David Bedford received in the second ward one hundred and sixty one 161 votes
David Bedford received in the third ward two hundred seventy fice 275 votes
David Bedford received in the fourth ward two hundred and forty two 242 votes
Total, eight hundred and sixteen 816 votes
George W. Gardner received in the second ward five 5 votes
George W. Gardner received in the third ward twenty two 22 votes
George W. Gardner received in the fourth ward forty seven 47 votes
Total, seventy four 74 votes
Bedford received in the first ward one 1 vote
Ge W Gardner received in the first ward one 1 vote
G E Cutter received in the second ward one 1 vote
George E Cuter received in the third ward four 4 votes
G E Cutter received in the third ward two 2 votes
George Cutter received in the third ward one 1 vote
George Cutt received in the third ward one 1 vote
George E Currse received in the third ward one 1 vote
G W Gardner received in the third ward one 1 vote
D Bedford received in the third ward three 3 votes
Mr Bedford received in the third ward one 1 vote
P D Vroom received in the third ward one 1 vote
George Gardner received in the third ward one 1 vote
Total, nineteen 19 votes

For School Superintendent.

Abram S Jewell received in the first ward one hundred and eighty four 184 votes
Abram S. Jewell received in the third ward two hundred 200 votes
Abram S. Jewell received in the fourth ward three hundred and one (301) votes
Total six hundred and eighty five (685) votes
Abraham S. Jewell received in the second ward one hundred and forty five (145) votes
Abraham S. Jewell received in the third ward one hundred and twenty six (126) votes
Total, two hundred and seventy one (271) votes
Lewis Colby received in the first ward one hundred and fifty four (154 votes.
Lewis Colby received in the second ward one hundred and ten (110) votes
Lewis Colby received in the third ward four (4) votes
Total, two hundred and sixty eight (268) votes.
Lewis B Colby received in the first ward eleven (11) votes
Lewis B Colby received in the third ward two hundred and fifty (250) votes.
Lewis B Colby received in the fourth ward two hundred and eleven [211] votes
Total, four hundred and seventy two [472] votes.
John Cassedy received in the second ward two [2] votes.
J G Carrol received in the second ward one [1] vote
A S Jewell received in the second ward one [1] vote
Lewis F Colby received in the third ward one [1] vote

A S Jewell received in the third ward two [2] votes
Abraham S Jewill received in the third ward one [1] vote
Rev S Douglass received in the third ward one (1) vote
Total scattering votes nine 9

FOR COLLECTOR.

Peter D Vroom received in the first ward one hundred and ninety 190 votes
Peter D Vroom received in the second ward one hundred and thirty five 135 votes
Peter D Vroom received in the third ward three hundred and thirty seven 337 votes
Peter D Vroom received in the fourth ward three hundred and thirteen 313 votes
Total, nine hundred and seventy five 975 votes.
Walter Van Derzee received in the first ward one hundred and fifty nine 159 votes
Walter Van Derzee received in the second ward two hundred and two 202 votes
Walter Van Derzee received in the third ward two hundred and fifty one 251 votes
Walter Van Derzee received in the fourth ward two hundred and five 205 votes
Total, eight hundred and seventeen 817 votes
P C Dummer received in the first ward one 1 vote
George Ford received in the third ward one 1 vote
Total scattering votes, two 2

FOR ASSESSORS.

David W Stone received in the first ward one hundred and fifty seven 157 votes
David W Stone received in the second ward one hundred and thirty one 131 votes
David W. Stone received in the fourth ward three hundred and six [306] votes
Total five hundred and ninety four [594] votes
D Warren Stone received in the third ward two hundred and eighty, 280 votes
Total two hundred and eighty, 280 votes.
Joseph Young received in the first ward one hundred and seventy-four, 174 votes
Joseph Young received in the second ward, two hundred and eleven 211 votes
Joseph Young received in the third ward, three hundred and eleven, 311 votes
Joseph Young, received in the fourth ward two hundred and thirteen, 213 votes.
Total nine hundred and nine, 909 votes
James Gopsill received in the first ward one hundred and forty-seven, 147 votes
James Gopsill, received in the second ward one hundred and sixteen 116 votes
James Gopsill received in the third ward, two hundred and fifty 250 votes.
Total five hundred and thirteen 513 votes
James Gopsell received in the fourth ward two hundred and seventy-three 273 votes
Total two hundred and seventy-three 273 votes
Isaac VanSaun received in the first ward one hundred and ninety two 192 votes
Isaac Van Saun received in the second ward, one hundred and ninety three 193 votes
Isaac Van Saun received in the third ward, two hundred and seventy-five 275 votes
Total eight hundred and ninety four 894 votes.
David Warren Stone received in the first ward fifteen 15 votes
Isaac Van Saun received in the fourth ward two hundred and thirty four 234 votes
Total fifteen 15 votes
John Fiacre received in the second ward thirty two 32 votes
John Fiacre received in the third ward thirty two 32 votes
John Fiacre received in the fourth ward seven 7 votes
Total seventy-one 71 votes
David Stone received in the first ward one 1 vote
Isaac Vanson, received in the third ward one 1 vote
I Van Saun, received in the third ward one 1 vote
Sela Hill received in the third ward one 1 vote
Total scattering vote four 4 votes

FOR WARD OFFICERS.

FIRST WARD.

For Aldermen.

James R Thompson received two hundred and sixty	260 votes
George S Gardiner received one hundred and ninety four	194 votes
Daniel S Sinclair received one hundred and eighty three	183 votes
D S Sinclair received one	1 vote
Jacob R Wortendyke received two	2 votes
William R Drayton received one	1 vote
Nehemiah Knapp received one	1 vote
James H Morgan received	1 vote

Chosen Freeholders.

Jeremiah Mulford received two hundred and thirty nine	239 votes
Minot C Morgan received one hundred and sixty four	164 votes
David Henderson received one hundred and forty three	143 votes
Benjamin R. Wakeman received ninetynine	99 votes
John Fiacre received seventeen	17 votes
M C Morgan received two	2 votes
John B Haight received one	1 vote
Philo Snow received one	1 vote
George McLaughlin received one	1 vote
Charles M Holmes received one	1 vote

Commissioner of Appeals.

David Gould received one hundred and thirty nine	139 votes
David Smith received thirty two	32 votes
Phineas C Dummer received one hundred and sixty	160 votes
Edmund W Kingsland received one	1 vote
Thomas Jordon received one	1 vote

Judges of Election

Phineas C Dummer received one hundred and seventy eight	178 votes
Charles N Betts received one hundred and seventy seven	177 votes
Richard D McClelland received three hundred and thirty three	333 votes
Frederick Gray received ninety seven	97 votes
William Stell received ninety	90 votes
William B Dunning received one	1 vote
John Vanderbilt received one	1 vote
Philemeon Haight received one	1 vote

Justices of the Peace.

Isaac S Miller received three hundred and thirty two	332 votes

Peter D Vroom received one hundred and eighty 180 votes
William T Rogers Junior received one hundred and seventy six 176 votes
David W Stone received one hundred and seventy five 175 votes
Alexander McMullin received one hundred and forty six 146 votes
Joseph Young received one hundred and seventy six 176 votes
William C Morris received one 1 vote
George Ford received one 1 vote
Alphetus Kemp received one 1 vote
James W Hall received one 1 vote
John S Marks received one 1 vote
George E Cutter received one 1 vote
Big Dan Lewis received one 1 vote

Ward Clerk

William H Tufts received one hundred and seventy seven 177 votes
William D A Daly received one hundred and twenty one 121 votes
William A Daly received thirty six 36 votes
John McGuigan received one 1 vote
John B Drayton received one 1 vote

Constables.

George W Angle received one hundred and seventy one 171 votes
James Wallace received one hundred and seventy three 173 votes
James McDonald received one hundred and forty five 145 votes
William Reene received one hundred and fifty six 156 votes
G W Angle rec. five 5 Votes
Levi W Towle received one 1 Vote
John Vanderbilt received one 1 vote
Thomas McWilliams received one 1 vote
Bernard McAnally received one 1 vote

For Surveyors of Highways.

William H Gautier received one hundred and eighty two 182 votes
John Perrine, received one hundred and eighty two 182 votes
Daniel Crane received one hundred and fifty eight 158 votes
Charles Somers received one hundred and fifty five 155 votes
William G. Gautier received one 1 vote
Stephen Knapp, received one 1 vote
Jacob Rapp, received one 1 vote.
W. H. Gautier, received one 1 vote
Hugh Keenan, received one 1 vote
James Ward received one 1 vote

Pound Keeper.

Lewis W H C Perry received one hundred and forty seven 147 votes
John Smith received twenty five 25 votes.
Martin Williamson, received one hundred and twenty five 125 votes
William Whelan received twenty two 22 votes.
Dr Dummer received seven 7 votes
Charles Fink received three 3 votes
John Y Browne received one 1 vote
Michael Lee received one 1 vote
D S Manners received one 1 vote

SECOND WARD

For Aldermen.

Justus Slater received one hundred and seven 107 votes.
Adrian B Reynolds received one hundred and twenty eight 128 votes.
Hugh M'Comb, received two hundred and fifteen 215 votes
Joseph G Edge received two hundred and six 206 votes.
Menzies R. Case received one 1 vote
Isaac Van Saun received one 1 vote
Alex Wilson received one 1 vote
Jacob R. Wortendyke received one 1 vote
W R Drayton received one 1 vote
J Slater received one 1 vote
McComb received one 1 vote

For Chosen Freeholders.

Henry French received three hundred and forty 340 votes
James A Kemp, received one hundred and twenty one 121 votes
Francis Jenkins received two hundred and nineteen 219 votes
George McLaughlin received one 1 vote.
Charles M. Holmes received one 1 vote

Commissioner of Appeals.

William A Townsend received one hundred and twenty two 122 votes.
Benjamin O. Edge received two hundred and thirteen 213 votes
B O Edge received one 1 vote
Thomas D. Jordan, received one 1 vote

Judges of Election.

John C Robins, received one hundred and twenty one 121 votes
Jacob Z Marinus rece'd one hundred and twenty-two 122 Votes
William Anness rece'd one hundred and twenty two 122 Votes
Benjamin Brady rece'd two hundred and eighteen 218 votes.
Joseph P. Skillman rece'd two hundred and eighteen 218 Votes
John D. Nolan rece'd two hundred and seventeen 217 Votes
Peter P Post rece'd one 1 Vote.
Samuel C Shipley received one 1 vote
Wm Stirup received one 1 vote

For Surveyors of Highways.

Joseph Morgan received one hundred and nineteen 119 votes
Joseph S Hencil received three hundred and thirty nine 339 votes
John Drayton received two hundred and seventeen 217 votes
C McDowell received two 2 votes
Jacob Rapp received one 1 vote
Hugh Keenan received one 1 vote
William Morrow received one 1 vote

Ward Clerk.

James Flemming Jr received three hundred and three 303 votes
Edward P Hatch received thirty three 33 votes
Isaac Van Clief received one 1 vote

Constables

Benjamin Haines received two hundred and ninety seven 297 votes

John P Maseker received one hundred and twenty four 124 votes
James Wkefield received one hundred and seventy-six 176 Votes
Selah Hill received one 1 vote
Thos McWilliams received one 1 vote
Bernard McAnnally received one 1 vote
James Graves received two 2 votes

Pound Keeper.

Abraham Van Coolen received one hundred and eighty nine 189 votes
Peter Van Veighton received one hundred and fourteen 114 votes
Abraham Van Corley received twenty 20 votes
Jacob J Banta received two 2 votes
Peter Dolan received one 1 vote
Joseph G Edge received one 1 vote
Christian DeBaum received two 2 votes
James Gopsill received one 1 vote
Samuel A French received one 1 vote

THIRD WARD.

Aldermen.

Jacob R Wortendyke received five hundred and seventy eight 578 votes
William R Drayton received three hundred and twenty seven 327 votes
Nehemiah Knapp received two hundred and sixty three 263 votes
N Knapp received one 1 vote
Jacob Rapp received one 1 vote
Seneca Alger received four 4 votes
Melancthou S Wickware received four 4 votes
D S Conklin received one 1 vote
George S Gardner received one 1 vote
Robt V Thuston received one 1 vote
Thomas E Tilden received one 1 vote

Chosen Freeholders.

John B. Haight received two hundred and seventy two 272 votes
Philo Snow received two hundred and sixty five 265 votes
George McLaughlin received three hundred and nine 309 votes
Charles M Holmes rec'd three hundred and one 301 votes
C M Holmes rec'd three 3 votes
John S Mark rec'd one 1 vote
George McGuigan rec'd one 1 vote
Nehemiah Knapp rec'd one 1 vote
Michael Lineau rec'd four 4 votes
William Gaul rec'd 4 four votes
Harvey M Soule rec'd one 1 vote
Erastus Randall rec'd one 1 vote
John Fiacre rec'd one 1 vote
B R Wakeman rec'd one 1 vote

Commissioner of Appeals.

Edmund W. Kingsland received two hundred and eighty 280 votes
Thomas D Jordan rec'd three hundred and four 304 votes
E W Kingsland rec'd one 1 vote
R C Bacot rec'd four 4 votes
Phineas C Dummer rec'd one 1 vote
Ephraim Pray rec'd one 1 vote

Justices of the Peace

William C Morris rec'd three hundred and thirty one 331 votes
George Ford rec'd two hundred and fifty five 255 votes
James W Hall received two hundred and seventy 270 votes
Alpheus W Camp received two hundred and seventy two 272 votes
John S Mark received two hundred and forty 240 votes
William C Hutton received fifty six 56 votes.
John Mark received one 1 vote.
J Mark received one 1 vote.
George E Cutter received one 1 vote.
G W Gardner received one 1 vote.
David Bedford received one 1 vote.
Frank Pierce received one 1 vote.
David Scott received one 1 vote.
P D Vroom received one 1 vote.
Ryneer Van Sickle received one 1 vote.
A McMellor received one 1 vote.
I S Miller received one 1 vote,
R R Rappleyea received one 1 vote.
Joshua A French received one 1 vote.
Lincoln Bates received one 1 vote.
William A. Shaffer received one 1 vote.

Ward Clerk.

John B Drayton received two hundred and eighty one 281 votes.
John McGuigan received three hundred 300 votes.
J B. Drayton received one 1 vote.
George McCrindle received four 4 votes.
William D. A Dally received one 1 vote.
J R Hardenberg received one 1 vote.

Constables.

Levi W Towle received two hundred and seventy six 276 votes
John Vanderbelt received two hundred and fifty one 251 votes
Thomas McWilliams received two hundred and ninety seven 297 votes.
Bernard McAnally received two hundred and ninety eight 298 votes.
Thomas B Kissam received fifteen 15 votes.
Frederick Kissam received one 1 vote.
J A Topping received one 1 vote.
William Allen received one 1 vote.
Hiram H Fenn received one 1 vote

Surveyors of Highways.

StephenKnapp received two hundred and seventy six 276 votes
Jacob Rapp received two hundred and seventy six 276 votes
Hugh Keenan received two hundred and ninety nine 299 votes
James Ward received three hundred and one 301 votes.

Judges of Election.

William B Dunning received two hundred and sixty nine 269 votes.
John Vanderbelt received two hundred and sixty seven 267 votes.
Philemon D. Haight received two hundred and seventy two 272 votes.
Peter P. Post received three hundred and four 304 votes.
William Startup received three hundred and six 306 votes.
Samuel C. Shipley received two hundred and ninety six 296 votes.
Sam Shipley received two 2 votes.
John Sharkey received two 2 votes.
John B. Haight received one 1 vote.
Susan Nipper received one 1 vote
William H Beebe received four 4 votes
James Berya received four 4 votes
Edward Gough received four 4 votes
Wm D McLeeland received one 1 vote
Fred Gray received one 1 vote
William Steele received one 1 vote
George W Dempsey received one 1 vote
Roswell Randall received one 1 vote
Royston J Tilden received one 1 vote

Pound Keeper.

John Y Brown received two hundred and seventy three 273 votes
Peter Dolan received two hundred and ninety six 296 votes
Charles Fink received one 1 vote
Moses B Bramhall received one 1 vote
Samuel A French received one 1 vote
Jeremiah Clarke received two 2 votes

FOURTH WARD.

Aldermen.

Jonathan V Thurston received two hundred and eighty six 286 votes
Thomas E Tilden received two hundred and ninety six 296 votes
Seneca Alger received two hundred and twenty seven 227 votes
Melancthon S Wickware received two hundred and ten 210 votes

Chosen Freeholders.

Harvey M Soule received two hundred and ninety five 295 votes
Erastus Randall received two hundred and ninety five 295 votes
William Gaul received two hundred and sixteen 216 votes
Michael Lineau received two hundred and fifteen 215 votes

Commissioner of Appeals.

Ephraim Pray received two hundred and ninety two 292 votes
Robert C Bacot received two hundred and twenty 220 votes

Judges of Election.

George W Dempsey received two hundred and ninety three 293 votes
Royston S Tilden received two hundred and ninety 290 votes
Roswell Randall received two hundred and ninety two 292 votes
William H Beebe received two hundred and nineteen 219 votes
William Howeth received one hundred and seventy four 174 votes
Edward Gough received two hundred and sixteen 216 votes
Samuel Boyce received fifty 50 votes

Justices of the Peace.

Richard R Rappleyea received two hundred and eighty 280 votes
Joshua A French received two hundred and eighty two 282 votes
Lincoln Bates received three hundred and eight 308 votes
William A Shaffer received two hundred and ninety 290 votes
Clement M Hancox received forty 40 votes

Ward Clerk.

Jacob R Hardenbergh received two hundred and ninety three 293 votes
George McCrindell received two hundred and sixteen 216 votes

Constables

Hiram H Fenn received two hundred and fifty five 255 votes
James B Dunn received two hundred and sixty nine 269 votes
John A Topping received two hundred and eighteen 218 votes
William Allen received two hundred and seventeen 217 votes

Surveyors of Highways.

Daniel E Soule received two hundred and ninety seven 297 votes
Bernard Hughes received two hundred and ninety five 295 votes
William A Crawford received one hundred and ninety three 193 votes
Patrick Reiley received two hundred and twelve 212 votes

For Pound Keeper.

Jeremiah H Clark received three hundred and eighteen 318 votes
John Francisco received one hundred and sixty four 164 votes
Peter Dolan received five 5 votes
George Clark received one 1 vote
John Grant received one 1 vote
Doct E Dummer received one 1 vote
John A Topping received one 1 vote
Fred Snow received one 1 vote
George E Cutter, received three 3 votes
John H. Lyng received one 1 vote
John Ryerson received one 1 vote

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the result of the above election just mentioned, as the same is exhibited by the statements produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers, according to law; and that the same exhibits the number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the wards respectively, and of the ballots rejected; the whole number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the several wards, the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given, the number of votes given for each person in each ward, and the whole number of votes given for each person, for each office designated for him as they appear by the statement so produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six

HENRY E. INSLEY,
Chairman Board of City Canvassers
GEO. W. CASSEDY, Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassera, relative to and election held in Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey on Tuesday the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, for the election of a Mayor, a School Superintendent, a Collector, a Water Commissioner, a Recorder, and two Assessors for the said city; and of two Aldermen, two Chosen Freeholders, one Commissioner of Appeals, three Judges of Election, two Constables, two Surveyors of Highways, one Ward Clerk, and one Pound Keeper for each of the several wards of the said city.

The said Board do determine and declare, that at the said election the following named persons having received the highest number of votes for each of the officers above mentioned were duly elected to the following named offices:

City officers—Mayor—David S Manners.
School Superintendent—Abram S Jewell.
Collector—Peter D Vroom.
Water Commissioner—Moses B Bramhall.
Recorder—David Bedford.
Assessors—Joseph Young and Isaac Van Saun.
First Ward officers—Aldermen—James R. Thompson, George S Gardner.
Chosen Freeholders—Jeremiah Mulford, Minot C. Morgan.
Commissioner of Appeals.—Phineas C. Dummer.
Judges of Election—Phineas C Dummer, Charles N Betts, Richard D McClelland
Ward Clerk—William H Tufts.
Constables—George W Angle, William Reene.
(James Wallace received the highest number of votes cast but they were declared by the Board of City Canvassers null and void for the reason that he is not a resident of the First ward.)
Surveyors of Highways—William H Gautier, John Perrine.
Pound Keeper—Lewis W H C Perry.
Second Ward officers—Aldermen—Hugh McComb Joseph G. Edge.
Chosen Freeholders—Henry French, Francis Jenkins.
Commissioner of Appeals—Benjamin O Edge.
Judges of Election—Benjamin Brady, Joseph P Skillman, John D Nolan.
Ward Clerk—James Flemming Junior.
Constables—Benjamin Haines, James Wakefield.
Surveyors of Highways—Joseph S Hencil, John Drayton.
Pound Keeper—Abraham Van Coolen.
Third Ward officers—Aldermen—Jacob R. Wortendyke, William R Drayton.
Chosen Freeholders—George McLaughlin, Charles M. Holmes.
Commissioner of Appeals—Thomas D Jordan.
Judges of Election—Peter P. Post, William Startup, Samuel C Shipley.
Ward Clerk—John McGuigan.
Constables—Levi W Towle, Bernhard McAnally.
(Thomas McWilliams received next to the highest number of votes cast, but they were declared by the Board of City Canvassers null and void, for the reason that he is not a resident of the Third ward.)
Surveyors of Highways—Hugh Kenan, James Ward.
Pound Keeper—Peter Dolan.

Fourth ward Officers.

Aldermen—Jonathan V. Thurston, Thomas E. Tilden.
Chosen Freeholders—Harvey M. Soule, Erastus Randall.
Commissioner of Appeals—Ephraim Pray.

Judges of Election—George W Dempsey, Royston S Tilden Roswell Randall.

Ward Clerk—Jacob R. Hardenbergh.

Constables—Hiram H. Fenn, James B. Dunn.

Surveyors of Highways—Daniel E. Soule, Bernard Hughes.

Pound Keeper—Jeremiah H. Clark

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full, and correct statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

HENRY E. INSLEY
Chairman of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers

COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday April 15, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson

Absent—Ald Clarke, and Edge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Homer Ramsdell, asking the privilege as the owner of property on both sides of Prospect street from the centre of the block between North 6th and North 7th streets to the centre of Mill Creek, at his own expense to fill in said street, lay the side walks, curb, and gutter, etc., between the said points. Prayer of petitioner granted, provided that the work shall be done under the direction of the committee on streets.

Petition of Moses B. Bramhall, as president of the American Coal Company, for the privilege to said company, of occupying that portion of Grand street lying east of the present gate forming the entrance to the wharf occupied by the Cunard Steamship Company, in conjunction with said steamship company, and with their concurrence and consent as to the terms of said joint occupancy. Ref. to com. on streets with power.

Petition of Garret E Winants to have refunded $56 66 erroneously paid by him for taxes. Ref to com on finance

Petition of Charles H. Atkins and others to have Grove street, between Pavonia avenue and Mill Creek filled in &c. Ref to com on streets

Petition of Samuel McLaughlin to have Mercer street, between Washington and Greene street repaved, and put in good order. Ref. to com on streets

Official bond of Stephen Quaife, as a City Surveyor. Approved and ordered filed.

The President appointed Ald Insley a member of the committee on salaries, offices and elections to fill the vacancy in that committee.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Of Boyes & Sharp, $44 62; C. M. Holmes, $11 38; Samuel Hetherington, $7 32; A. B. Reynolds, $7 75; Alexander M. C. Smith, $209 98; and J. E. Brown, $7 56. Ref to com on fire and water.

Of City Canvassers, $21 50; Judges of Election in Fourth ward, $24; Clerk of Fourth ward, $12; Officers of Election in the First ward $33 50. Officers of Election in the Third ward, $33 50. Ref. to com on salaries, officers and elections.

Of Jacob Z. Marinus, $72 64; and Daily Telegraph $128 80. Ref to com on finance.

Of Boyes & Sharp, $3 38; Ref to com on watch.

Of Boyes & Sharp, $8 51; Ref. to com. on public grounds and buildings.

Of W W Lee, $95 79; and Isaac Wakefield, $12 37; Ref to com. on lamps

Of C. J. Farley $11 44; and special policemen, $22 50 and $3; Ref to com. on police and licenses.

Of G. S. Gardner, $432 42; Kemp & Ward, $28 40; Boyes & Sharp, $20 38; and S. A. French, $16 50; Ref. to com. on alms.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Daily Telegraph, $112 50: Rolf & Metlar, $217 02; Daily Sentinel and Advertiser, $9 24; G. W. Cassedy, $250; R. S. Gillman, $200; R. D. McClelland, $125; G. E. Cutter, $125; and Henderson & Wilson, $443 80.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of C. G. Sisson, $94 85; Wm. Moore, $4 38; and J. F. Richardson, $8 75.

The claim of Bacot & Wood for $444 12, referred to the com. on streets on the 29th December last, was reported correct for $200, for the reason that the work has not been put under contract, and that amount was ordered paid.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 5th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, April 4, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

Herewith I return without my approval an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, paving curbing and guttering, laying bridge stones at all the intersections, and for flagging side walks in South First street one hundred and forty feet west of Erie to Coles street.

This ordinance assumes by its title, that South First street runs through the Public square, (known as Hamilton square) which is not the case. This square was dedicated to the public by John B. Coles, by an authorised map of his property duly filed in the year 1804, and on which map, South First street, Pavonia avenue and North First street terminate in open space on the easterly and westerly sides of the square in the same manner as Jersey avenue does on its northerly and southerly sides, making within the termini of said street an area, as ascertained by protraction, of exactly six hundred feet square; had John B. Coles by his dedicating map, extended South First, and North First streets, through and across the square, it would have shown a parallelogram instead of its present shape. It will therefore be seen that the ordinance before me, is based upon improper data, as all the proposed improvement lies within the boundaries of the square, except one hundred and forty feet of South First street, between the square and Coles street; and therefore that portion of the improvement lying within the square cannot be legally assessed upon the property as is proposed by the ordinance, nor could it be lawfully paid from the City Treasury.

The charter directs that the public squares of the city, shall be laid out, and regulated by *ordinance*, and all the expense for regulating and improving public grounds and squares shall be paid out of the city treasury.

Now as there is no established street within the limits of said square, the improvement contemplated, cannot, under this ordinance, be carried into effect, without directly infringing upon the provisions of the charter above named.

There being no buildings erected on the line of

the proposed improvement, and a great portion of said square is below the established grade, and will require, as ascertained by actual measurement, some fifteen thousand cubic yards of earth to bring it up to the grade, I would therefore suggest the propriety of taking the inceptive steps for its improvement by adopting an ordinance in conformity with the charter, for grading, laying out and regulating it, and providing therein, for planting it with trees, constructing promenade avenues, and a circular carriage-way, etc., on said square, said carriage way to intersect in a uniform manner all the streets terminating on the same.

On a former occasion, in October 1854, I returned with my objections to your predecessors, a similar ordinance, which authorized the extension and improvement of Jersey avenue within the limits of this square, and the objections were sustained by the unanimous vote of the then Common Council, and to which I would respectfully direct your attention.

With this brief view of the subject I return the ordinance for reconsideration

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Wilson moved "That the ordinance do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

On motion of Ald. Erwin, Ald Wilson's motion was laid on the table.

The city clerk presented the following report, which was received and ordered filed:

The city clerk respectfully reports to the common council that on the 5th inst., Ald Griffith filed his resignation in the city clerk's office, as an Alderman from the First ward of Jersey City, said resignation to take effect at the date of its filing.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Dated, Jersey City, April 15th, 1856.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolutions:

Resolved. That a special election be held in the First ward of Jersey City, on Friday, the twenty-fifth instant, for one Alderman from said ward, to fill the unexpired term of John Griffith, resigned; that the election be held in the old Hook and Ladder House in Sussex street, between Washington and Warren streets, and that the poll be opened at seven o'clock in the morning and be closed at seven o'clock, P.M.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the First ward is hereby directed to post notices of said special election, in five of the most public places in the First ward for eight days prior to said election; and the City Clerk is hereby requested to send, to said Clerk of First ward a copy of this and the preceding resolution.

Resolved, That the board of citycanvassers to consist of the members of the Common Council whose terms of office do not expire until the first Monday in May, 1857, and a judge of election, to be selected by his associate Judges, and the City Clerk, as Clerk of said Board, be required to meet at the City Clerk's office, on Monday, the 28th instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to canvass the return of said election, and shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as are provided in the City Charter for canvassing the returns of the annual charter election. The resolutions were adopted.

A communication was presented from the corporation Attorney, recommending that the committee on assessments be empowered to have the suit of Garret E. Winants against the city submitted to a referee. Communication received, and its recommendation adopted.

A communication was presented from the Board of Education containing a list of Teachers in the public schools, with a statement of their salaries.—Communication received and ordered filed.

A requisition was presented from the Board of Education for payment of amount of salaries which will be due on the 1st May next to the teachers in the public schools, amountlng to $2146 67. The requisition was received, and a warrant for the amount was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of A. T. Smith, Esq., chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Education.

Communications were presented and received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections and resignations in that Department.

Election of Thomas Flanley, by Engine Co., No. 4, and Aaron W. West by Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2.

Resignations of Charles Brimer from Hook & Ladder Co., No 2, and A. F. Berlew from Engine Co. No. 5.

Elections approved, and the proper entry of the resignations ordered to be made.

The City Clerk presented a certiorari and rule to stay proceedings served upon him, on the 2d inst. brought by A. O. Zabriskie and others to remove taxes upon their property. Ref to com. on laws and ordinances with instructions to have the necessary returns made.

The special committee to whom were referred on the 1st instant, the subject of the expulsion of several members by the fire department, presented a report setting forth, that the companies from which they were expelled will rescind the votes of expulsion and give the parties a hearing, &c. Report received and the committee discharged.

The special committee on the fourth ward school house claims, appointed November 20th, 1855, returned the communication referred to them on the 1st instant of D. & A McI Henderson, and were discharged from its further consideration.

The committee on streets reported sealed proposals received by them, in answer to advertisements published by them for contracts for sundry street improvements, and the same were opened, read, and found to be from the following persons.

Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to Newark avenue including all intersections. Wm. A. Cummings, James S Noyes, James F. Fielder & Co., James S. Bishop, and Patrick McCafferty.

Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to two hundred feet north of North 6th street, James S. Noyes, James F. Fielder & Co., B. W. Ryder, P. McPharlin, Wm A. Cumming, and James S. Bishop.

Wayne street from Jersey street to two hundred feet west of Putnam street including all intersections, James F. Fielder & Co., James S. Bishop, James S. Noyes, and Wm A. Cumming.

Warren street from Montgomery street to Morgan street including all intersections, Patrick McCafferty, Wm A. Cumming, James S. Fielder & Co., James S. Noyes, and James S. Bishop.

South 6th street from Jersey avenue to Erie street

including all intersections, Wm A. Cummings, James S. Noyes, B. W. Ryder, James S. Bishop, and James F. Fielder & Co.

Pavonia avenue from centre of Provost street to the centre of Erie street, James F. Fielder & Co, James S. Bishop, B. W. Ryder, James S. Noyes, and Wm A. Cumming.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals received, opened, and read, this evening, for street improvements, be referred to the committee on streets, with power to make contracts with the lowest bidders, if they deem it the interest of the city to do so. The resolution was adopted.

The com. on police and licences, to whom was referred on the 1st instant the petition of Jacob Hahn, for a license to peddle fish, fruit, and vegetables, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Report received and adopted.

The com. on police and licenses reported as correct the two reports of the Recorder, referred to them on the 5th June, and 7th August last. The reports were received.

The com. on police and licenses, to whom was referred on the 26th June last, the petition of Peter Wagner for remission of a fine imposed upon him by the Recorder for violating a city ordinance, reported adversely to granting the prayer of the petitioner The report was received and adopted.

The com. on police and licenses, to whom was referred on the 4th March last a communication from the Chief of Police, asking to be reimbursed for expenditures made by him in the city of New York in arresting parties who have committed burglaries in this city, reported adversely to granting the request of that officer. The report was received.

The com. on police and licenses returned sundry papers which had been referred to them.

Ald. Erwin, from the com on public health, presented the following entitled ordinances, and the same were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Common Council, viz : " An ordinance declaring nuisances," and "An ordinance to protect the health of the City of Jersey City."

Ald Greene from the committee on finance presented the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas the sale made by the corporation of Jersey City, on the 22d August, 1850, of lot 4 Newark avenue, on block 76, assessed to Mrs Casey, has been ascertained to be illegal, the assessment having been prior to the sale paid to the collector, and the lease issued for said lot having been legally surrendered to the city and the deed of surrender recorded in the Hudson County Clerk's office, the certificate of sale for said lot being in possession of the city, and the sale uncancelled of record. Therefore

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cancel the certificate of sale to John Wanner, on the 22d August, 1850, of lot No. 4 assessment map, Newark avenue, on block 76, assessed to Mrs. Casey, and sold to said John J. Wanner, for thirty-four dollars and thirty nine cents, for fifty years, for the assessment thereon for sewering, regulating, paving, &c., Newark avenue from Grove street to Warren street, and also to cancel of record the said sale of the herein described lot. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Greene from the committee on finance presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sale of lot 15 Morgan street, on block 74, for taxes of 1852, made to Benjamin O. Edge, on the 15th September, 1853, be cancelled of record, for the reason that the said taxes were paid to the collector of taxes for the year 1852, as appears by a receipt signed by said collector and temporarily in the possession of the committee on finance, and that a warrant for the purchase money paid by Bejamin O. Edge, and for the interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the date of sale be drawn in his favor and delivered to him on delivery to the City Clerk of the declaration of sale for said lot. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Erwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be and are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a lot of ground in the Third ward for the purpose of erecting thereon an Engine house for Passaic Hose Co. No. 4, or the Fire Department, for the purpose of erecting thereon an Engine house, and said lot not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars in cost, and to be paid for in the bonds of the city, on terms not less than ten years, at seven per cent per annum.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cobb, Davenport Erwin, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Clarke, Edge and Hoffman.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the finance committee be and is hereby authorized to issue a bond of the city to the Newark Savings bank, for five thousand dollars, dated April 1st, 1856, payable in nine months from date. Interest payable 1st August and January, the same being to renew a bond of like amount, which became due on above date, and that the Mayor and city clerk be requested to sign the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Aldermen Cobb, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Insley, Keeney, Thompson and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Clarke, Edge and Hoffman.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday, the 22d inst., at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Ald. Thompson the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, April 22d, 1856, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Absent—Ald. Cobb and Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Charles F. Durant, in relation to the condition of his lots at the corner of Warren street and Newark Avenue, was presented,

referred to the committee on Public Health, and ordered to be published in the minutes. The communication is as follows :

Jersey City, April 22d, 1856.

M ERWIN, Esq., of Com on Public Health :

Dear Sir :—Your letter of the 21st inst. is at hand. I thank you for the friendly advice in your note. I thank you for the opportunity it offers to discuss the subject, and to communicate my views of the subject to the municipal authorities through your official capacity as "Committee on Public Health."

You complain of nuisance on my lots at the corner of Warren street and Newark avenue, In that I suppose you refer to the wet and muddy state of those lots. Whether that is a nuisance or is not a nuisance, may be a question for others to determine. I will cheerfully concede that the water and mud is of great injury to my property and my interests, and I am willing further to concede, that it may be of great injury to others. In conceding that much, it follows as a matter of course, that the injury should be abated with all reasonable haste.

In all Christian and law abiding communities, it is a general rule that those who create an injury or nuisance, should repair or abate it.

Before the premises were in the corporate limits of Jersey City. and in the exercise of a legal right, the premises were improved by houses and earth filling in a manner that kept them perfectly drained from the surface to the old boundary creek. Since then, the corporation of Jersey City have raised the streets, and so ponded the water, that there is no escape for it except by evaporation Hence, the corporation, and not myself, have caused the injury or nuisance, and the corporation are bound, by all rules, moral or legal, to repair and abate the injury or nuisance.

There are two ways by which the injury or nuisance which you complain of, can be repaired or abated. One is to raise the whole surface above the surface of street. The objections to this are, that besides the large cost of filling up the premises, it would create a still greater injury or nuisance by filling up one story of the houses with earth or water.

The second and only reasonable plan to abate the injury or nuisance, is by building a public sewer in the adjoining street or avenue, and permit the owner to connect therewith a private drain by which the premises may be always kept dry, healthy, useful and profitable.

The corporation have the exclusive control of the streets, avenues, and building of sewers. Owners of lots would no doubt cheerfully pay the costs of building sewers, but they have no power or authority to dig up the street. The corporation have the sole and only control of that matter. They alone can make the only reasonable or sensible reparation or abatement of the injury or nuisance that has been created solely by themselves.

I pray you will exercise your official power in abating the evil you complain of, by the sensible and reasonable process of building a public sewer in the avenue on which those premises front, and thereby restore my property to its former usefulness and value. Please lay this before the full board.

Yours, &c., C. F. DURANT.

The President appointed Alderman Davenport to fil the vacancy on the Finance committee.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of N. Ellis, $4 75 ; J. V. Hardenbergh, $118 75 ; J. Flemming Jr, $11 50 ; J. P. Skillman, $8 ; B. Brady, $8 ; J. Flemming, $8 ; H. Taylor, $25 80 ; W. Whitley, $150 ; R. B. Earle & Co., $24 03 ; W. A. Cummings, $304 47, and E D. Reily, $9 70.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of C. J. Farley. $11 44 ; Special Police, $3 ; Officers of election in First ward, $33 50 ; A. Van Riper, $12 ; City Canvassers, $21 50 ; Judges of Election in Fourth ward, $24 ; Officers of election in Third ward, $33 50 ; J. A. French, $10 49 ; Charles N. Betts, $17 22 ; J. M. Newkirk. $9 75 ; Drayton & Durant, $199 54 ; Anthony & Green, $46 46 ; E. Hope, Jr, $10 50 ; Boyes & Sharp. $20 38 ; G. W. Whitley, $7 07 ; S A. French, $16 50 ; Kemp & Ward ; $28 40 ; G. S. Gardner, $432 42 ; R. B. Kashow, $6 94 ; $37 93, $13 52. $4 ; Daily Telegraph, $128 80 ; A. B. Reynolds, $7 75 ; B. Hughes. $13 50 ; S. Hetherington. $7 32 ; J. E. Brower, $7 56 ; A.M.C Smith, $209 98; Boyes & Sharp, $44 62; C. M. Holmes, $11 38 ; Boyes & Sharp, $3 38 ; H. A. Miller & Co., $118 34, $13 12, 114 82 ; R. & J. McLaughlin. $11 50 ; and $3 31 ; S. W. Treadwell, $5 75 ; W. C. Morris. $150 ; W. Eaton, $20 50 ; and H. Billingsley, $26.

The following communication from his Honor the Mayor, was presented and received, together with the Return referred to.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City April 22, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

I herewith transmit a certified account of the water rents due and unpaid on the 20th of December, 1855, with the names of the delinquents, which I have just received from the Water Commissioners

The collection of said water rents will require the same preliminary proceedings, as is required in the case of arrears of taxes.

All of which is very respectfully submitted,

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

On motion of Ald Hill it was

Resolved, That the board of water commissioners return of water rents due and unpaid on the 20th December, 1855, with the names of the delinquents, laid before the Common Council at this meeting, be placed by the City Clerk in the hands of George W. Gardner, Justice of the Peace, for the purpose of issuing a tax warrant thereon, as provided by law, and that the said ustice of the Peace is hereby instructed to make out such tax warrant without delay, and place the same in the hands of William C. Morris, Collector of arrears of taxes.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the fire department, announcing the election of William Smith, as a member of Hose company No. 3, and the transfer of Charles De Hart from Hose Co. No 3 to Hose Co. No. 1, were presented, received and on motion of Ald Edge it was

Resolved, That the election be approved and permission be granted to make the transfer.

(Ald. Edge retired.)

The committee on streets presented a report setting forth that they have examined the proposals referred to them on the 15th inst., and find that William A. Cummings is the lowest bidder for the contracts for the improvemement of Wayne street from Jersey street to two hundred feet west of Putnam street, of Pavonia avenue from the centre of Provost street to the centre of Erie streets, of Prospect street from Newark avenue to Pavonia avenue, and of South sixth street from Erie street to Jersey avenue ; that James F. Noyes is the lowest bidder for the contract for the improvement of Prospect street from Pavonia avenue, north, to two hundred feet north of North sixth street ; and that Patrick McCafferty is the lowest bidder for the contract for the improvement of Warren street from Montgomery street to Morgan street ; and accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That contracts be entered into with Messrs. William A. Cummings, James S. Noyes, and Patrick McCafferty, for street improvements as above reported ; and his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to fix the seal of the city thereto, and file said contracts with the Comptroller.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Abtent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Thompson.

The committee on sewers reported the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council by John L. Burst and others, for the construction of a main sewer in South 7th street from the Hudson river, east of Prospect street to a point at or near the mill creek, with all the necessary receiving basins and tributaries, connecting with the same according to the general plan of sewerage.

And whereas the usual notice for objections has been duly published, therefore,

Resolved, That it is deemed expedient that said main sewer and tributaries, be constructed and that Moses B. Bramhall, Dudly S. Gregory and H. M. Traphagen be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of said sewer, and tributaries in conformity with the city charter, and an ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City. Approved June 28, 1854.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, and yeas and nays having been ordered.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cobb, Edge and Thompson.

The committee on finance presented a report on the memorial of Peter Lynch and Matthew Kelly, referred to said committee on the 1st inst, accompanied by the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to cancel record the entry of sale of October 27, 1842 by the corporation of Jersey City of lots 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, and 73, in Bergen street, on block 27, for taxes of 1840 and 1841, and of lots 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, and 71, in Essex street, on block 27, for taxes of 1840 and 1841, to Luke Hemenway for one thousand years, for forty one dollars and seventy six cents ; the said lots having on the 25th October, 1844, been redeemed from said sale by the payment into the City Treasury of the purchase money, and interest due thereon, as appears from the books of the City Treasurer of the year 1844.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted.

The committee on finance presented a report accompanied by the following resolution, on the petition of Garret W. Patterson, referred to them on the 4th ultimo.

Resolved. That the sale of lot six, south second st. on block 227, to Evan Jones, on the 27th June 1857, for taxes of 1854, for six dollars and ninety four cents be cancelled of record by the City Clerk ; that a warrant for the said purchase money and interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum be drawn in favor of Evan Jones, and delivered to him on his surrendering the declaration of sale for said lot held by him ; provided however that before the cancelling of said sale, and before the issuing of said warrant, a copy of the receipt given by the Collector to Garret W. Patterson for the taxes of 1854, paid by him on lot seven, in said street and block, (the bill as alledged by him being against him for that lot instead of lot six) be filed in the City Clerk's office, and Mr. Patterson's deed for said lot be shown to the City Clerk, as well as the original receipt of the Collector for said taxes.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted.

The committee on finance presented a report, accompanied by the following resolution, on the communication of James Broadmeadow, referred to them on the 26th February last.

Resolved, That the sale of lots 150, 151 and 152, on block 53, on the 27th July 1855, for taxes of 1854, to Cornelius C. Martindale for $17 02, be cancelled of record, and a warrant for that amount and the interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum, be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of and delivered to Cornelius C. Martindale, on his surrendering his declaration of sale to the City Clerk for cancelling ; the taxes having been paid on two of said lots, as appears from the communication of James Broadmeadow, presented to the Common Council on the 26th February 1856.

The report was received, and the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on finance, to whom was referred on the 1st inst. a communication from the Morris Canal and Banking Company, asking to have refunded to them the sum of thirteen dollars and fifteen cents, paid by them into the city Treasury to redeem a portion of their property, sold for taxes of 1852, presented a report recommending that a warrant for the said amount be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of said company. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 15th inst the petition of Garret E. Winants, to have refunded to him the sum of fifty dollars and sixty-six cents, erroneously paid by him for taxes of 1855, presented a report recommending that a war-

rant for said amount be drawn on the City Treasurer in favar of the petitioner. The report was received and adopted

The committee on finance, to whom was referred on the 4th ultimo, the petition of William Gaul and Freeman Hunt, to have the amount paid by them for taxes on lots belonging to them refunded on account of supposed error in regard to such payment, presented a report setting forth that the lots described in the receipt held by petitioners are not the same property as the lot sold for taxes of 1854. The report was received and adopted.

The committee on finance, returned the claims referred to them of Jacob Z. Marinus, numbered 7840 and 7927, amounting to $198 65, and $72 65,and the claims were laid upon the table.

The committee on finance reported as correct and returned the report of the Comptroller referred to them on the 18th December last, and the report of the City Treasurer, referred to them on the 4th March last. The reports of the committee were received and ordered filed.

Ald Davenport from the special committee on the alleged corruption in respect to the building of hook and ladder house No. 1, presented a verbal report and asked that the committee be discharged. The report was received and the committee were discharged.

On motion of Ald Hill the action of the Common Council on the 1st instant, referring to the committee on streets with power, the petition of A.C. Webb and others respecting the condition of the vacant lots in Mercer near Greene street, and Ald Hill offered the following resolution in relation to said lots

Resolved, That the sunken lots on the southerly side of Mercer street, beetween Greene and Washington streets, be and they are hereby declared to be a nuisance ; and in pursuance of the provisions of an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to provide for filling sunken lots," approved May 30th, 1854, and by virtue of the authority contained therein, the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper a notice for the length of time required by said ordinance, that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber on the third Tuesday in May next at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. to receive and consider all objections which may be presented in writing to the filling of said lots, and to the assessment upon the real estate benefitted thereby, of the costs, charges and expenses of such improvement, according to the provisions of the city charter, by the Board of Commissioners for assessments.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Thompson.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the committee on streets be, and are hereby directed to repair and make water tight, the gutter on the south side of South 3d street, between Grove and Erie streets in front of the residences of Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Craig. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the commissioners of assessment be instructed to have made a new assessment map as corrected by the new survey of the improvement on Jersey street from Mercer street to Grand street. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 5th June 1855, was taken up for consideration, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks and flagging the side walks four feet wide in South third street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Hill the following entitled ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 1st inst, was taken up for consideration, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing,guttering, and laying cross walks at all the intersections, and sidewalks flagged in Monmouth street, between South Second street and South Eighth street, including both intersections."

The 1st section of the ordinance was amended ; and as amended the ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney, and Wilson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Cobb, Edge and Davenport.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 3d of January, 1856, was taken up for consideration, viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, and flagging the side walk on the south side of Sussex street, between Warren street and Van Vorst street, including the intersections."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Green, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, and Keeney,

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge, and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 1st inst., viz :

" An ordinance to provide for filling, curbing, guttering and flagging the side walks, and laying cross walks at all the intersections in South Fourth st from Coles street to Newark avenue.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Clarke, Davenport, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Hoffman, Insley, Keeney and Wilson

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cobb, Edge and Thompson.

On motion of Ald Wilson it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the Common Council Chamber on the first Monday in May next at 7 1 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of approving the minutes only.

On motion of Ald Wilson, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with resolutions of the Common Council of Jersey City, passed April 15th, 1856, and approved by the Mayor of the City April 16th, 1856, the Board of City Canvassers, met at the City Clerk's Office, on Monday, April 28th, 1856, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of a special election, held in the First Ward of Jersey City, on Friday, April 25th, 1856, for the election of one Alderman from said Ward, to fill the vacancy in the Common Council caused by the resignation of John Griffith.

The board was called to order by the City Clerk. Present—Ald. Clarke, Erwin, Wilson, Cobb, Insley, Hoffman, Phineas C. Dummer the Judge of Election from the First Ward, appointed by his associate judges to attend the meeting of the Board of City Canvassers as one of its members, and George W. Cassedy, City Clerk, as Clerk of the Board.

On motion of Ald Clarke, Ald Insley was appointed Chairman of the board.

The Chairman of the Board administered to each of the other members of the Board, and to the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the City Charter, and Ald Cobb administered to the Chairman of the Board the oath required of him by the City Charter, at meetings of the Board of City Canvassers of the returns of the Annual Charter Elections.

Thereupon, Mr. Phineas C. Dummer, the judge of election from the First Ward, produced the original statement which was delivered to him by the officers of election in said ward, and the same was laid before the Board.

The Board thereupon proceeded to canvass the votes given for Alderman, from the First Ward, at the special election on the 25th instant.

The Board then proceeded to make a statement and final declaration of the name of the person who received the highest number of votes for the office of Alderman from the First Ward in the place of John Griffith resigned

Which statement was read by the Clerk, and signed by the officers and members of the Board.

On motion of Ald Erwin it was

Resolved, That the statement of this Board of City Canvassers, of the result of the special election in the First Ward, held on the 25th instant be published in the Corporation Paper.

On motion of Mr. Dummer it was

Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of this Board of Canvassers be directed to make out and present to the Common Council for payment, the claim of this Board for their services as City Canvassers.

The minutes of the Board were then read and approved, and on motion of Ald Clarke, the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned *sine die*.

H. E. INSLEY,
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the result of a special election held in the First Ward of Jersey City in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on Friday the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six to elect one Alderman from said ward, in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of John Griffith resigned, made by the Board of City Canvassers.

Whole number of names on poll list, two hundred and seventy (270)

Whole number of ballots rejected one (1) vote.

David Smith received two (2) votes.

FOR ALDERMAN.

James S. Davenport, received one hundred and fifty (150) votes.

Daniel S. Sinclair received one hundred and seventeen (117) votes.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the result of the election above mentioned, as the same is exhibited by the statement produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers, according to law; that the same exhibits the number of names of the voters in the poll book of the First Ward of Jersey City, and of the ballots rejected; the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given; the number of votes given for each person and the whole number of votes given for each person for the office of Alderman; as they appear by the statement so produced and laid before the said Board.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

M. ERWIN,
S. M. HOFFMAN,
P. C. DUMMER,
LOUIS B. COBB,
WM. CLARKE,
ALEXANDER WILSON,
H. E. INSLEY,
} Members of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

A statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers relative to a special election, held in the First Ward of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on Friday the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, for the election of one Alderman from said First Ward, in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of John Griffith resigned.

The said Board do determine and declare that at the said special election, James S. Davenport, having received the highest number of votes for the office of Alderman above mentioned, was duly elected an Alderman from the First Ward of Jersey City in the place of, and to fill the unexpired term of John Griffith resigned.

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full, and correct statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

M. ERWIN,
S. M. HOFFMAN,
P. C. DUMMER,
LOUIS B. COBB,
WM. CLARKE,
ALEXANDER WILSON,
H. E. INSLEY,
} Members of the Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, on Monday, May 5th, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Present—The President, and Ald Clarke, Cobb, Davenport, Edge, Erwin, Greene, Hill, Insley, Thompson and Wilson.

Absent—Ald Hoffman and Keeney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ald Greene offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Common Council are due, and are hereby tendered to President John H. Lyon, for the able and impartial manner with which he has presided over the sessions of this Board for the past year

Ald Greene offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this council tender their thanks to Geo. W. Cassedy, Esq., for his prompt efficient and courteous manner with which he has performed the ardous duties of the City Clerk during the past year.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council are hereby tendered to Mr. Nathl. Ellis, our worthy marshal.

On motion of Ald. Wilson, the Board then adjourned *sine-die*.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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